

Assad stands firm on full Israeli withdrawal, 'Palestinian rights'

Post Middle East Editor

Syrian President Hafez Assad last night warned that his country would torpedo any Middle East settlement which fell short of securing Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers and the recognition of the rights of the Palestinian Arabs.

"The occupied Arab land and the rights of the Palestinian people must be restored," Assad said, adding that his country would "remain the rock" on which any settlement falling short of these principles "will be smashed."

Despite this tough remark, the Syrian leader nevertheless refrained from commenting on topical issues. He did not react to Israel's recent authorization of new settlements in or the extension of administrative measures to the administered territories. Nor did he make any reference to the Palestine Liberation Organization or its status in current

Middle East deliberations.

Assad said that his government was "obsessed" in its quest for peace in the region. But this would have to be within the framework of its demands for an Israeli pullback and the recognition of the "rights of the Palestinian people," — by which he presumably meant the establishment of a homeland in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the right of the Palestinians to choose between returning to Israel or receiving compensation for property abandoned in 1948.

Observers last night expressed the belief that Assad's relatively restrained Middle East statement was influenced by a message U.S. President Jimmy Carter has just sent the Syrian leader, reportedly on Washington's determination to accelerate its thrust for a settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict. Carter dispatched similar messages to Jor-

dan's King Hussein and Egypt's Anwar Sadat. These coincided with a message sent to Prime Minister Menachem Begin as well.

Unconfirmed reports from Washington said that President Carter was currently steering the Middle East leaders towards outlining specific solutions to the various aspects of the Middle East conflict. Washington views this as including three major components: the scope of peace treaties; the definition of secure and recognized boundaries; and the political future of the Palestinian Arabs.

The same reports said that Carter hopes to receive both the Israeli and Arab outlines before he meets the foreign ministers of the two sides during the UN General Assembly session next month.

President Assad made his remarks last night in what Damascus radio had originally billed as a "major speech" delivered before the newly elected People's Assembly (parliament).

Much of the address was devoted to Assad's anti-corruption campaign in the Syrian administration. He announced the setting up of a high-ranking inquiry commission invested with considerable powers. He also urged the new parliament to take full advantage of its constitutional authority, including its right to question ministers and to table non-confidence motions against the government, whenever the need arises.

Assad had earlier issued a set of decrees stiffening the penalties for economic crimes, including bribes and exploitation.

PLO hits Vance, Israel 'imperialism'

BEIRUT (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organization charged yesterday that the recent Middle East tour of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was designed to "impose imperialist-Israeli settlements," ignoring Palestinian rights.

The accusation was voiced in an official communiqué issued at the end of a meeting of the PLO's 15-member policy-making committee, headed by Yasser Arafat.

The communiqué said that Vance's tour and his proposals are

aimed at the achievement of the following points:

"To ignore the rights of the Palestinian people; to bypass the pro-PLO Rabat resolution of 1974, as a step toward the liquidation of the Palestinian cause; to ignore the UN General Assembly resolutions with regard to the national rights of the Palestinian people, particularly resolution 242; and to impose imperialist Israeli settlements on the Arab regions, which would escalate the Zionist violation of the Palestinian people's national rights, and smash the will of the Arab nation."

Kappler's Italian guards arrested for negligence

ROME (AP). — Military authorities yesterday ordered the arrest of two Italian guards who were guarding Nazi war criminal Herbert Kappler when he escaped from a local prison hospital to Germany.

Authorities said the two failed in their duty to guard the prisoner.

The guards were on duty early Monday, when Kappler's wife Annelle smuggled the 70-year-old man out by hiding him in a large wheeled suitcase.

One of the guards, who had helped Mrs. Kappler with the suitcase in the elevator when he saw her leaving the bedroom at about 1 a.m. local time. Both reportedly accepted food and wine from Mrs. Kappler shortly before the escape.

She took the suitcase to a car and smuggled Kappler to Soltau, West Germany, where she lives and works as a nurse. In a message to Italian President Giovanni Leone, Mrs. Kappler said she acted "in a race with death" because Kappler is suffering from an advanced stage of terminal cancer of the intestine.

Meanwhile, the storm of protests over Kappler's escape continued. The Republican Party, one of the six parties supporting Premier Giulio Andreotti's government, called for the resignation of Defence Minister

Vito Lattanzio.

A deputy for "Proletarian Democracy," a Marxist splinter group, asked for the speedy summing up of the charges from summer recess to debate the case.

The Italian government meanwhile took steps to get back the former Nazi police chief in Rome despite West German statements they will not extradite him.

A courier with the demand for the extradition of Kappler arrived in Bonn, an Italian embassy spokesman reported.

The aide, however, Italy will not accept the Bonn government's stand that the West German constitution bars the extradition of Germans to foreign courts.

The Vatican's newspaper said yesterday anger at Kappler's escape should not be allowed to damage Italy's relations with West Germany.

"The first emotional reaction to Kappler's flight is one of passionate resentment," "L'Osservatore Romano" said. "But this should not be exaggerated, so that Italy's vital interests in the international field, including the good relations with Germany, are harmed."

In Germany, Kappler is protected day and night by six plain clothes policemen. During the night, strong police detachments checked traffic on the roads leading into Soltau.

Informed sources said Kappler had been kept for the past few days at a farm near Soltau which, according to local people, was also used 30 years ago to hide wanted Nazis from the Allied Occupation forces. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

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Israel 'not indifferent' to Kappler affair

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel has stressed to the West German Government in diplomatic contacts its sensitivity, and the sensitivity of Jews the world over, to the Kappler affair, officials in Jerusalem said yesterday.

They added, however, that Jerusalem is not "at present" demanding that Bonn take any specific action. "We have made do at this stage with emphasizing to Germany that we cannot be indifferent in this matter," the officials said.

Humphrey has tumor

MINNEAPOLIS (AP). — U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey underwent exploratory surgery yesterday and doctors said they found an inoperable malignant tumor blocking his colon.

Rumania will help but not mediate between ME parties

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rumania will do all it can to close the gap between Israel and its Arab neighbors, but has never sought, and does not seek now, to act as a mediator between the parties to the Middle East conflict — Rumanian ambassador Ion Covaci said here yesterday. It would, however, continue to make available its "good offices."

Speaking to newsmen at a press conference to mark the 32nd anniversary of the liberation of his country from fascist occupation, the ambassador said that the precise itinerary of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Bucharest next week has not yet been worked out, but he is expected to remain in Rumania for four days, "perhaps even longer."

Covaci noted that Begin's visit does not have any special political implications, and that his talks with President Ceausescu will touch on

Lewis says U.S. won't alter 242

By DAVID LANDAU
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American Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday denied reports that the U.S. is prepared to consider changes in UN Security Council resolution 242.

In an unusual procedure, the envoy's denial was published not by his embassy but by the Israel Foreign Ministry. In a written statement by the spokesman, issued soon after Lewis had met with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The denial referred to reports (in The Jerusalem Post and other papers) of a briefing by Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton. Atherton had given a group of reporters in Washington earlier this week the distinct impression that the U.S. wants to leave the door slightly open for possible efforts to amend 242 or introduce a new resolution which would reiterate 242 and add a reference to the Palestinian Arabs' "right to a homeland." Atherton had said the U.S. would have to consider any new resolution on its merits.

Yesterday Ambassador Lewis, according to the Israeli statement, referred in his meeting with Begin to the U.S. commitment to Israel of September 1975 to oppose any changes in 242.

A high level source told The Post last night that the envoy also specifically mentioned the possibility of a new resolution reiterating and adding to 242 — and had asserted that the U.S. was committed to oppose such an effort too.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman yesterday sought to explain Atherton's remarks by noting that a diplomat will always reserve judgement in advance of seeing any new resolutions.

Meanwhile, the possibility that such a resolution might be introduced yesterday in the light of Premier Raymond Barre's assertion that the U.S. Ambassador Mordechai Gazit that France has no plans to initiate UN moves to tamper with 242.

Barre, too, according to the same Israeli source, referred specifically to introducing a new resolution as well as to amending 242 — and ruled out French action in either direction.

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BEIRUT (AP). — At least eight villagers were killed and many more wounded yesterday as fighting and artillery exchanges continued in southern Lebanon between Palestinian and right-wing Lebanese forces.

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Under-age Beduin get IL25 for a day's work in northern Sinai moshavim

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YAMIT. — Beduin children aged 13 to 15 years old are paid IL25 for a day's work in moshavim in the Rafah approaches, according to an examination of local moshavim in the light of the government's decision to extend Israeli labour law to the administered territories.

At moshav Netiv Ha'asara, where farmers said the moshav had agreed some three years ago not to employ children, a quick look at the moshav's fields found at least three Beduin under the age of 18 working on their own.

Avraham Barak, head of the moshav committee, told The

U.S. raps Israel on new settlements, services

LEWIS DELIVERS MESSAGE FROM CARTER

The U.S. yesterday formally and publicly rebuked Israel's decisions this week to extend certain new services to West Bank and Gaza Strip residents and to approve three new Jewish settlements there.

In Jerusalem, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday morning with a message from President Carter expressing America's disapproval of the settlement decision.

In Washington, Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz was summoned to the State Department yesterday morning and told by Under Secretary of State Philip Habib that the U.S. deeply regrets the Israeli moves, both of which Washington views as being unhelpful in the search for peace in the Middle East.

Habib read Dinitz two statements which the State Department was instructed to make public later in the day during his daily news briefing.

At that briefing, spokesman Carter told a crowded room of reporters that the two statements had been cleared earlier in the day by the White House, although he declined to state that President Carter had personally approved them.

Other U.S. sources here said that the President was deeply disappointed and upset that Begin had

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gone ahead with the three new settlements. These sources pointed out that Carter had publicly told a news conference last month that he had asked Begin to refrain from establishing new settlements in advance of a reconvened Geneva conference, and that Begin was now "embarrassing" the president publicly.

Yesterday's official U.S. statements represented the first public U.S. expression of opposition to the Israeli moves. Earlier in the week the U.S. had been restraining its public statements so that Ambassador Lewis might first seek additional clarifications from the Israeli government. But most U.S. political observers here now believe that the U.S. and Israel are on a certain "collision course" over the issue of settlements and other points of difference.

"Our position on the issue of settlements is clear," spokesman Habib said yesterday, reading the official U.S. statement. "We reaffirm what we have said many times before. These unilateral, illegal acts in territories presently under Israeli occupation create obstacles to constructive negotiations."

The second prepared statement dealt with the decision on Sunday to grant inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip services equal to those in Israel. "The full legal impact of the Israeli government's decision, which we understand was taken in principle with details of implementation to be worked out in the coming weeks, is not yet clear," he said.

"The Israeli government has

emphasized the potential benefit to the population in the occupied territories of the humanitarian aims of this decision," he continued. "At the same time, however, the action creates an impression of permanence of Israel's occupation of the lands which came under Israeli control as a result of the June 1967 war, which is not helpful."

Yesterday's Jerusalem meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, whom Premier Begin summoned specially from his holiday retreat.

Begin and Dayan are understood to have explained to the envoy that the decision-in-principle to set up the three settlements in question had been taken by the previous government, and that the three sites were close to the pre-1967 "Green Line" border and could therefore be considered within the "minor adjustments" envisaged even by the U.S.

At the same time, according to Israeli sources, the Israeli leaders decided to give any commitment regarding the government's settlement policy in the future.

Israeli sources maintained that the tone of the American protest, as communicated by the ambassador, was not nearly as severe as it might have been. They discerned a deliberate effort on the ambassador's part to avoid an out-and-out showdown with Jerusalem at this time of delicate diplomatic preparations for the next round of Middle East peace-making, in New York in September.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman yesterday took the highly unusual move of publicly criticizing Sunday's widely-publicized remark by Israel Cabinet Secretary Arye Naeir, that Israel

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'N.Y. Times': Dayan says Begin would ease stance

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was yesterday quoted in the New York Times as saying that the current positions taken by Israel on peace and withdrawal from territories are the ones that Israel may want, but they are "only starting points" for Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Shimon Peres, the Opposition leader, was quoted as reacting to this comment this way: "The only trouble is that Begin's stopping points are not very far from his starting points."

This exchange was quoted by "Times" senior editor John Oakes, who is currently visiting Jerusalem. Oakes also quoted "one of the most knowledgeable of American observers" in Jerusalem as predicting that Begin might agree to make "personally unacceptable" concessions in exchange for peace. The unnamed observer was quoted as saying: "If the apple of peace — a real and guaranteed peace — were offered by the Arabs in exchange, let us say, for the West Bank, would Mr. Begin grasp it? Yes, he and only he could sell it — but he wouldn't grasp it — because to lose the West Bank would violate his principles and his conscience. But, if the peace seems real and strong enough, what he might do would be to step aside and let others accept it instead."

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The morning after at the Tel Aviv stock exchange

By JOSEPH MOEGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two divergent trends developed yesterday at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. There was a massive demand for index-linked bonds, and the share market continued to fall, though much more moderately than on Wednesday.

Trading turnover reached the IL100 million mark in shares. But in sharp contrast to Wednesday's trading when 78 shares were marked "sellers only," only 51 issues yesterday were so designated. Still, there were 48 shares and debentures that fell by more than 5 per cent.

Wherever possible, the Exchange exerted every effort to maintain trading in a security rather than have it marked "sellers only." When prices achieved lower levels than 5 per cent, selective buying from the banks as well as private brokers became felt.

A moderate decline now seems to be indicated for Sunday, after the two-day recess, and it is our prediction that by Monday, or Tuesday at

the latest, the market will begin a turnaround.

Exchange sources said that the demand for optional, index-linked bonds, was unprecedented. No fewer than 110 separate optional bond issues were established as "buyers only" without any trading taking place.

These were duly marked up by the mandatory 3 per cent. Some of the issues which did trade rose by 4 per cent. In view of the lack of sellers, only IL1.7m. was traded in the optional loans. 8.6 per cent Defence Loans rose by 4 per cent. Bonds traded on a yield basis saw yields drop to a level of 1.7-1.8 per cent. Altogether only IL21.5 million was traded in bonds.

It would appear that Finance Minister Shimon Eshkol's hopes for the greater use of the Exchange will be realised. Yehin, the large canning factory with exports of some \$10m., may turn to the Exchange to raise fresh capital. Bank Hapoalim is due in the market later this month with a IL300m. financing issue.

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Haifa Port	49	20-30	30
Tiberias	50	20-30	30
Nazareth	50	21-30	30
Afula	49	20-30	30
Shomron	53	19-29	31
Tel Aviv	53	24-30	30
S-G Airport	51	22-33	33
Jericho	32	24-39	39
Gaza	71	28-39	39
Beerseba	42	22-35	35
Eilat	27	27-41	40
Sinai Straits	35	27-36	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

An Oneg Shabbat will be held at 9 p.m. tonight, at Ihud Shivat Zion, 88 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, civic leader, Ben Hagal, settler from the U.S.A., and Arish Chapman, Tour Ve'aleh World Zionist Organization Aliya Department.

In Memoriam

On the fifth anniversary of the death of Moshe Soroka, one of the principal builders of Kupat Holim, a memorial service was held at Kupat Holim headquarters yesterday, attended by former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Birth

MAYER. — Daughter to Amira and Gideon. Granddaughter to Ruth and David Cohen, Esther and Hermann Mayer. Great granddaughter to Ludwig Mayer, Sara and Joseph Kurz.

ARRIVALS

Sylvia Shapiro from Cleveland, Ohio, where she attended a memorial for her late husband, Ezra S. Shapiro, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, arrived in Israel today.

Dr. H. Jerome Sisselman, Chairman, International Board of Governors of Ramat Shapira, Morris Green, President, American Friends of Ramat Shapira, Martin K. Levinson, President, Canadian Friends, and Joe Reid, President, British Friends, to discuss Academy business with the Executive Board.

Seattle mayor to visit Beerseba

BEERSEBA. — Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman will lead a group of his constituents on a tour here later this month as part of a twin cities agreement that has been reached with the local municipality.

During their visit, a "Seattle Square" will be dedicated on one of Beerseba's main streets. City clerk Moshe Shafir said that the initiative for the pact came from a Seattle group who visited Israel recently. He said there will be a reciprocal visit to develop connection between the cities' two universities.

Man electrocuted

JAFFA (Itim). — A local borekas seller was electrocuted on Wednesday night when he tried to repair the oven in his shop. Sasson Malachi, 32, who ran a borekas shop in Sderot Yerushalayim here, tried to fix the oven after customers complained that his wares were cold. A neighbour heard a scream and rushed into the shop, to find Malachi lying on his back, unconscious. All efforts to revive him failed, and he was dead on arrival at hospital.

A GROUP OF ambassadors stationed in Jerusalem and their wives will spend this weekend at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, in Upper Galilee. The trip, arranged by the Foreign Ministry's Bruce Cashdan, will include early-morning apple-picking on Sunday.

In great pain and sorrow we announce the death of our husband, father and grandfather.

MOSHE TAMIR (TARTAKOVSKY)

The funeral will leave today, Friday, August 19 1977, at 12 noon from the home of the deceased, 26 Rehov Jabotinsky, Holon, for the Holon cemetery.

A bus will be available for participants.

The family

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deeply mourns the passing of her "Boss"
HAZEL
beloved friend and mother of daughters
Avra, Tamara and Rena.

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New attack on Peres as Labour head

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party sank into even further disarray yesterday, with Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, veteran leader of its Abud Ha'avoda wing, challenging party chairman Shimon Peres' authority.

Ben-Aharon's denunciation, delivered at a Kibbutz Hame'uhad election post-mortem held at the movement's Eyal seminar in Ramat Gan, was the latest instalment in what appears to be a concerted campaign against Peres' leadership. Ben-Aharon embellished previous remarks by Yigal Allon and by former premier Yitzhak Rabin, who a few days ago told a "Davar" interviewer that he does not recognize Peres' leadership, regardless of the party's decision.

Added weight to the anti-Peres campaign was given by the presence of Yisrael Galili, titular head of Abud Ha'avoda, in the chair at the meeting, which was attended by all Abud Ha'avoda leaders apart from Allon.

The previous evening Peres, tak-

ing the counter-offensive, had argued that his critics were inspired by personal and not ideological motives. He said he believed Labour could win back the electorate's confidence, but only if it cleaned its house of corruption and scandal.

Above all, Peres had taken issue with those employing horrowed ideologies: "Our socialism is derived from our biblical heritage, not from Marx and Lenin," he had stressed.

Riposting yesterday, Ben-Aharon, the former Histadrut secretary-general, lived up to his reputation as Labour's *enfant terrible* by declaring sardonically: "We are all commanded to make obeisance to the chairman" — borrowing from Maoist terminology. He in effect laid the blame for Labour's defeat at Peres' feet, by reviving Yigal Allon's charge that Labour had lost votes because its programme had not sufficiently differed from that of the Likud.

Ben-Aharon, who is regarded as equally responsible for having inspired the first split, in 1962, in the parties now comprising Labour and

their reunification in 1968, urged replacement of the present party structure by a loose political federation similar to that of the Likud.

The 71-year-old Labour politician, evoking battles of yesteryear, charged that the rot had set in in Labour: "when Ben-Gurion compromised on socialism." He declared with passion: "We have to escape this corrupt and corrupting social-democratic party which has established the rule of money and property in Israeli society."

Ben-Aharon sought to comfort his audience by arguing that Labour's loss of power in the June 17 Knesset election had not constituted a verdict on Labour's historical path. He held that the Likud had come to power not by virtue of its appeal, but mainly due to Labour's internal collapse.

The Kibbutz ideologue said he was convinced that the Likud is afflicted with the same "internal time bomb" as the former Labour government, and that its days in power were thus already numbered. However, he was not at all confident that the Likud would be replaced by Labour, but rather by another force.

Hammer big hit with street gang boys

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — It is not every day that a Cabinet minister sits on a bench with members of street gangs, but Education Minister Zevulun Hammer did so yesterday, and thereby contributed to the success of an experimental summer camp for teenagers attending.

When the 16 youngsters, members of five street gangs from Pardes Katz and Or Yehuda, arrived at the Michmoretz beach, five days ago, the organizers had serious doubts about the experiment's chance of success. The boys brought along with them switchblades and drugs, as well as a behaviour pattern which posed a threat to the automobiles of other visitors to the beach.

During the first two days some of the boys clashed with each other. The fist-fights almost led to the use of switchblades, but the counselors

who work with the streetgangs throughout the year managed to change the atmosphere. They got the boys involved in planning their own activities, giving up the knives and drugs, and forming committees to run the show. After two days the clashing groups made a "sulha," contributed their own money to buy refreshments and invited each other to a "halla" (feast).

According to the camp leaders, one of the keys to this achievement is keeping the boys extremely busy all day long. From early morning they engage in sports, swimming, diving, boating, horseback riding and other strenuous activities. The discipline is loose, but the leaders have the boys' trust and manage to keep them in line.

The number of boys is relatively small. But this kind of summer programme is merely a start. Another such programme will be held within a few days in Kfar Samir

for street gang members from the northern region. This is part of Minister Hammer's determined policy to do something for these youngsters, to bring them back to school if possible or at least to prevent their alienation from society and their turning into criminals.

Hammer spoke with the boys at camp yesterday for about 40 minutes and listened to their complaints. These concerned mainly the lack of facilities in their neighbourhoods and the failure of the authorities to keep various promises made to them. Some also complained that the police habitually harass them and sometimes beat them up.

The minister made no promises but noted the complaints and asked many detailed questions. One thing was clear: the boys were highly flattered by his visit and the attention from journalists and cameramen who accompanied the minister.

Crime report

AXE JOB — Avraham Barua, 70, of Kiryat Shmuel near Haifa, was hospitalized yesterday with serious skull injuries after being attacked with an axe — allegedly by his neighbour Yosef Wachtal, 44. Wachtal was remanded yesterday for 15 days by a local magistrate and sent to a psychiatric examination in a mental hospital.

INTIMIDATION BLAST — A Haifa magistrate yesterday ordered the remand of Avi Ben for 10 days on suspicion of planting an explosive charge near the door of the Grinberg family in Haifa's Rehov Massada. The Grinberg's son, Moshe, is due to be a prosecution witness in an extortion trial and police believe the explosion at his parents' home was meant to intimidate him.

BELGIAN CONNECTION — Shimon Aida, a police claim is an international heroin dealer, was remanded yesterday for 15 days by a Tel Aviv magistrate. Aida was arrested on his return to Israel at Ben-Gurion airport. Police said the suspect has ties with the "Belgian connection" — a group of Israelis who were arrested in Belgium recently in possession of a large quantity of heroin.

Hashish haul

RAMLE (Itim). — Police here yesterday caught several drug peddlers and seized 40 fingers of hashish, ready-wrapped for sale. The surprise swoop came as part of the continuing drive to eliminate drug abuse in the town. The police were led to their quarry by a dog trained to sniff out hashish.

Histadrut to study El Al agreement with pilots

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Histadrut spokesman Shmuel Soler said yesterday that because of the great public interest in the agreement between the El Al management and the pilots, a Histadrut committee would now examine its details.

Police deny press report on post-Buchner crime c'ttee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The national police spokesman last night denied a report in yesterday's "Ma'ariv" newspaper that after the Buchner Committee submitted its report, Police Inspector General Haim Tavori would appoint a second committee to draw conclusions and submit recommendations for fighting crime.

The spokesman said that the Buchner Committee appointed by Tavori was engaged in gathering data on the crime situation as a basis for the debate the Cabinet is planning to hold in the near future on the subject of organized crime in Israel.

The committee, headed by Nitzay Mishne Michael Buchner, head of the special tasks division in the police investigation department, was appointed on August 8. It was charged with charting the various types of crime being committed in the country and the links between them, as well as the links between the underworld in Israel and that abroad.

Tavori requested the committee to complete its work within two weeks. That the deadline will not be met is clear from Buchner's statement in Haifa on Wednesday that the committee would do everything possible to submit its report "at the end of the month."

It had been thought that the

Burnt axe-chopped body may be the remains of alleged pusher

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

PETAH TIKVA. — Police are waiting for the results of laboratory tests to determine whether pieces of a charred body they found in a field near here are that of Eli Azulai, an alleged drugs dealer who disappeared on August 5.

Following complaints about his disappearance from his mother, police have been searching for Azulai. On Tuesday night, police searching in a field northeast of Petah Tikva, near Moshav Nehalim, found the charred remains of a cut-up body which is believed to be Azulai's. This police arrested three suspects before finding these remains. The suspects: Meir Zalkman, 28, Yitzhak Ohana, 21, and Yisroel Rinyo, 28 have been remanded for 15 days.

It is believed that Azulai's death was connected with an underworld power struggle for drug territory in the Petah Tikva area.

According to one police source, Azulai may have been sentenced to

death in an underworld kangaroo court and his body mutilated as a warning to others.

When Azulai's parents told police he was missing, police intelligence experts opened an investigation and learned that there was a dispute between Azulai and others about running an illicit drug peddling station at the Fega quarter here.

In their search for Azulai the police were aided by a pathologist and a dog trained to track down bodies. With the aid of the dog the police found the remains of a burnt body, that seems to have been chopped up with an axe.

Pathologists are now trying to reconstruct the different parts of the body. The police also hope to identify the body by the deceased's teeth.

Azulai's family will soon be asked to identify the body.

Police have arrested a fourth suspect in the case, and found a gun which they believe is connected with the murder.

A special investigation team is investigating the murder headed by Inspector Ariel Saguy and Staff Sergeant Shalom Twak.

Indictment in boutique arson

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The first indictment for allegedly setting fire to the Parpar boutique in Givatayim last month was filed yesterday against Zvi Ilan, 20, of Kiryat Shalom.

The residential building to which the boutique is situated was rocked by a large explosion when arsonists set a match to a large quantity of petrol.

Ilan is accused of setting fire to the boutique together with Rafi Tawil, on orders from the owner of the boutique, Avraham Avni. The prosecution claims that Avni hoped to collect IL450,000 in insurance for the damage caused by the fire, and promised to give Ilan and Tawil IL450,000 for putting a match to the petrol.

Air-contraband came to four tons

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Some four tons of electrical goods were smuggled in by Israel Aircraft Industries personnel aboard a jumbo jet, police said yesterday at a remand-appearance hearing for one of the suspected smugglers.

The man, IAI foreman Yoram Shifer, was ordered to be kept in custody despite his contention that other suspects had been released.

(Shifer, two other IAI men and several army personnel, were arrested at the beginning of the week in connection with the case.)

AN EXPLOSIVE charge was discovered on the railway tracks in the vicinity of Battir village near Jerusalem yesterday morning. It was safely dismantled by a police eapper.

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could not annex Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) because it already belongs to Israel. "In this connection," the State Department spokesman said yesterday, "we have noted with regret the statement of the Cabinet Secretary when announcing the decision that Israel cannot 'annex the Land of Israel' for the people of Israel for it already belongs to them."

(Sources in Washington sympathetic to Israel said yesterday that Naor's statement and Israel's decisions on these issues since the Begin visit here in July had badly damaged many of the achievements of that visit, including the improvement of Israel's image among the U.S. public.)

Last night Naor told Israeli television viewers that he could not understand why the U.S. would want to disapprove of the government's settlement decision. How could the leader of the Free World, he asked, countenance a return "to the times of Carthage and Rome?" It was "inconceivable" that any areas of Eretz Yisrael should be barred to Jewish settlers.

Anyway, Naor added, this week's decision was "technical, not political," and he therefore hoped that the initial negative responses would soon subside.

The State Department spokesman yesterday, when asked what the U.S. would do if Israel continues to ignore U.S. appeals for a halt to new settlements, disclosed that the U.S. certainly has "contingency plans" and "options." But he declined to outline them.

When a reporter pointed out that the 3 new settlements approved this week had been originally proposed by the previous Israeli government, the spokesman replied that it does not matter who first thought of the idea but who "implemented" it.

Spokesman Carter claimed that the decision last month recognizing three existing settlements as well as this week's decision creating three brand new ones were both illegal under international law and a violation of the fourth Geneva convention on the military occupation of captured territories. (He acknowledged, however, that Israel and the U.S. have different ideas of the legal status of the West Bank.)

At the same time, however, the spokesman noted that the legal status of the decision equalizing rights in the territories was still unclear.

Once again, for the second day running, the spokesman refused to condemn the terrorist PLO for its confessed responsibility in the bombing of an Israeli bus earlier this week. When a reporter pointed out that the PLO had publicly claimed responsibility for the action, the spokesman said that the U.S. does not yet have "independent information" of the responsibility and was continuing its efforts to find out.

Secretary of State Vance briefed Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin yesterday on his recent mission to the Middle East. The spokesman declined to release details of the two-hour conversation.

Regarding the statements issued yesterday, the spokesman said they were intended to be a "very explicit" restatement of U.S. policy, which remains the same. He cautioned reporters against interpreting yesterday's statements as representing any change from those made last month.

Schindler muddle cleared up

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has expressed his embarrassment at having been the cause of a "breakdown in communications" for which the minister at the embassy here, Haim Baran, was publicly blamed.

(Rabbi Schindler was asked to go to Israel urgently last week by Premier Begin to discuss the outcome of Secretary Vance's Mideast mission. When he arrived at the airport he found no one awaiting him and "hitched" a ride to Jerusalem with a radio reporter.)

In an official statement issued in Jerusalem on Sunday, the Foreign Ministry regretted the incident and noted that Baran had apologized for failing to inform the ministry when Schindler would arrive.

The text of that official statement was subsequently called by the ministry to the Washington embassy and the impression here is that Baran was in effect reprimanded for his lapses.

Schindler said yesterday: "Why do they blame Baran? I do not understand. He was under no obligation to do anything...."

He added that Baran was "one of the nicest, most decent, finest and most able diplomats" that Israel has. "I feel terrible about this. I told Begin, Dayan and (Foreign Ministry Director-General) Evron to forget about it. There was no need to apologize to me as they did."

(By way of making amends, the Premier personally escorted Rabbi Schindler to the airport when he flew home this week.)

David Landau adds: In Jerusalem last night Mr. Evron firmly denied that Baran had been "reprimanded." The ministry, he said, had issued its statement, naming Baran, merely to get the record straight and explain the misunderstanding.

In another unusual statement, meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry has announced the arrival of Abba Eban MK at Ben-Gurion Airport this morning from an information mission on behalf of the government in the U.S.

Eban will be met at the airport by representatives of the ministry," the statement said. It was issued, it is understood, at the express instructions of Minister Dayan.

HELP! Do you know STEVEN DUNN of Surbiton, England?
Please tell him his course begins in September and that he should return home in time.

**Kollek seeks source of leak
New plan would restore, not raze, Mamilla area**

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek last night ordered disciplinary action against the persons responsible for leaking to the press copies of a plan for Jerusalem's downtown Mamilla district prepared for the Municipal Planning Department.

The plan, which is based on the concept of preserving existing buildings, was prepared as a possible alternative to the urban-renewal project proposed for Mamilla by planner Moshe Safdie. The Safdie plan as been approved by the Local Planning Commission and is now before the District Planning Commission.

The alternative plan was drawn up by Jerusalem planner David Kroyanker at the behest of Meron Benvenisti, deputy mayor in charge of planning. Benvenisti was on vacation yesterday when copies of the Kroyanker plan arrived at the desks of reporters on several newspapers.

Kroyanker denied last night that he had had anything to do with its distribution.

The municipal spokesman said last night that the alternate plan was an internal document, as are most

proposals considered by the planning department. He said that City Engineer Amnon Niv had given specific orders not to make the alternate plan public.

The spokesman said the Safdie plan, which calls for massive demolition and rebuilding of the area, was the official proposal of the city. It was intolerable, he said, that an alternate plan be mooted publicly while the former was being considered by the official planning bodies.

Kollek ordered his staff to find out who had leaked the Kroyanker plan and to order that person to face disciplinary trial within the municipality. It was unclear last night whether such a trial could lead to dismissal or only to official rebukes or fines.

The Safdie plan has come under fire from Benvenisti and others as being too ambitious and unfeasible. It has been an open secret for some time that his staff has been preparing an alternative based on preservation and renovation but permitting some new construction as well.

Yesterday's development seems certain to increase the tension which has developed between Kollek and Benvenisti over the Mamilla plan.

Non-Orthodox rabbis meet Chief Rabbi Goren

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eight Conservative and Reform rabbis seeking to head off an amendment to the Law of Return met with Chief Rabbi Shalom Goren yesterday, receiving sympathy from all of them except Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shalom Goren.

"It was a very pleasant conversation of more than one hour," recalled one of the rabbis who attended the meeting in Jerusalem's Hechal Shalom. "But we just aren't on the same wavelength; Chief Rabbi Goren doesn't recognize us as rabbis."

Rabbi Goren told his guests, who are leaders of the two non-Orthodox movements in the U.S. and Israel, that he supports amendment of the Law of Return to require halachic conversions — something that the Conservative and Reform rabbis claim will make their congregants "second-class Jews."

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who met with the rabbis on Wednesday and had asked the chief rabbis to see them, queried Rabbi Goren on whether he would approve the establishment of a rabbinical court for conversions that included representatives of all three trends. The chief rabbi told the guests that such a suggestion does not involve him, and that the decision rests with the American Jewish community.

When the rabbis met with Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef on Wednesday, they heard a "pleasant sermon" on why he urges the amendment to the Law of Return.

In conversations with Masam leaders yesterday, the rabbis heard the party's categorical opposition to a change in the law. The Masam leaders said, nevertheless, they would not oppose any arrangement that would be acceptable to the Conservative and Reform movements.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would not reveal to The Jerusalem Post what he had told the rabbis. But he said he too opposes a halachic interpretation of the Law of Return. He said he could not

predict whether such an amendment would pass in the Knesset.

The Conservative and Reform leaders also met yesterday in Tel Aviv with Ministers Simcha Ehrlich and Yigael Hariz, and with MKs Shmuel Tamir, Meir Talmi and Shimon Peres. On Wednesday they visited Mrs. Golda Meir and had a "pleasant chat."

Begin has invited the eight rabbis to continue their deliberations with him on Monday morning before the Americans among them return to the U.S.

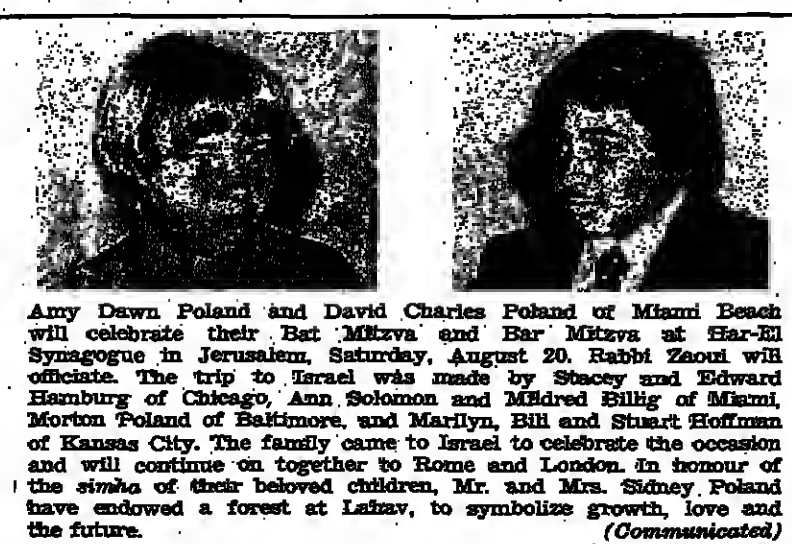
Aguda threatens to quit coalition

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Agudat Israel has served notice it will leave the government coalition rather than agree to the inclusion of a Reform or Conservative rabbi in any special rabbinical court for conversion to Judaism. The ultra-orthodox headline was laid down to the National Religious Party during preliminary talks over the drafting of legislation by Religious Affairs Minister Avraham Abuhazzeira for the establishment of such a court (see p. 1).

Aguda will invoke a veto on such a compromise idea, aimed at accommodating the Reform and Conservative streams of Judaism, who today represent the majority of observant Jews in the free world. Aguda leaders reportedly told the NRP they would prefer to leave the coalition, and thus bring about its downfall, rather than agree to any proposal that might involve official recognition by the State of Israel of the Reform and Conservative Movements.

Moreover, the Aguda spokesmen made clear that they intend pressing for the early amendment of the Law of Return in keeping with ultra-orthodox concepts as soon as the Knesset reconvenes. They noted Prime Minister Begin's "commitment" to them on this point during the coalition negotiations.



Amy Dawn Poland and David Charles Poland of Miami Beach will celebrate their Bar Mitzva and Bar Mitzva at Bar-Eli Synagogue in Jerusalem, Saturday, August 20. Rabbi Zouvi will officiate. The trip to Israel was made by Stacey and Edward Hamburg of Chicago, Ann Solomon and Mildred Billig of Miami, Morton Poland of Baltimore, and Marilyn, Bill and Stuart Hoffman of Kansas City. The family came to Israel to celebrate the occasion and will continue on together to Rome and London. In honour of the simcha of their beloved children, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Poland have endowed a forest at Latzav, to symbolize growth, love and the future. (Communicated)

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Klein
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are happy to announce
the engagement of their Daughter
Tova (Isabelle)
to
Mr. Michael G. Jesselson
Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Jesselson
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Hospital, Jaffa
NOTICE
To permit urgent building work, the Maternity Department of Zahalon Hospital will be closed from 8 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 1977, and will reopen for the admission of women about to give birth at midnight on Sunday, August 28, 1977.
Pregnant women who have registered for confinement in Zahalon Hospital should, during this period, apply for admission to Kirya, Asaf Harofa, Assuta or Tel Hashomer Hospital.
The Hospital Management

Enough flats for new olim, but in wrong places

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Over 900 families have been absorbed into the country for more than the required five or six months because suitable permanent housing is not available for them, Yermiyahu Kahane, director of the absorption services section in the Jewish Agency, said here yesterday.

Kahane says these families comprise about 40 per cent of the absorption centre population, which totals 2,500 families. "The problem of single people is much easier because there are no children and because we and the Construction and Housing Ministry have been building housing for them and will continue to do so."

Some families stay at absorption centres for as long as two years, Kahane said. These families pay only about IL250 a month rent (after the first five or six months during which they pay nothing). The rent is based on the size of the ac-

commodations, the location of the absorption centre, where the head of the family works and other socio-economic criteria. The cost of keeping a family at an absorption centre is much greater than the revenue from the rent, Kahane said.

There are empty apartments for immigrants, he admitted, but these are located in areas where jobs are not available, particularly for professionals.

He did not wish to comment on rumours that the delay in finishing apartments is caused by the bankruptcy of private contractors to whom the Construction and Housing Ministry had farmed out the work.

Yehuda Laish, spokesman for the Construction Ministry, said that the ministry had provided 1,757 apartments for immigrants during the first three months of this fiscal year instead of the 1,900 promised. But at the same time, he said, the Jewish Agency had returned 187 apartments which immigrants had refused.

The spokesman rejected Kahane's charge that the empty apartments are in areas, such as Dimona or Sderot, where academics cannot get jobs. "It wouldn't be so terrible if they had to travel a half hour or even longer to get to work," he said. "There are many countries in which commuting is a common practice."

He admitted that there is a shortage of three-room apartments in Jerusalem but said this will be remedied.

Asked about the bankruptcy rumours, he said there are a few small contractors whose financial situation is unstable. But the ministry is organized to help these contractors and there is no reason for panic, he said.

Mayor's cheque halts housing row — for now

By MARSHA POMERANTZ Jerusalem Post Reporter

The latest round in a battle over housing rights for residents of Jerusalem's Shmuel Hanavi quarter ended happily yesterday when a woman arrested for non-payment of back rent was "ransomed" with a cheque for IL488. The personal cheque was signed by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Almas Farraj, the arrested woman, is the head of one of about 30 families cleared from Jerusalem's downtown Mamilla area just after the Six-Day War and moved into rental flats in Shmuel Hanavi. She is the first to be held for debt, though many of them have refused to pay rent.

Claiming that the move was from one elum to a worse one, the residents have pointed out that no one had dared to clear the Mamilla area while it was on the border, but only after the war, when property values there rose.

Those who held out longest in their old flats had received cash compensation, sometimes tens of thousands of pounds. But the Shmuel Hanavi residents, who had agreed fairly early to leave, were given rental flats. They say they are now being asked to pay back rent for the flats. They are demanding ownership of their new flats in exchange for the ones they left. After some negotiations between the Organization for the Advancement of

Neighbourhoods in Jerusalem, representing the residents, and municipal authorities, they have been promised an answer to their demands by the September holidays.

Almas Farraj, a widow with two grown children (in the U.S.) and four still at home, has however refused to pay the IL250 monthly rent, which she says she cannot afford on her salary of about IL4,000 per month.

Police came to arrest her on Wednesday for IL488 owed to Amidar, the state housing corporation, which won a judgement against her for this amount several years ago. She said one of the reasons she had declined to pay the relatively small debt was that, once it was paid, Amidar could take her to court for non-payment of rent since the last suit — and that amounts to several thousand pounds.

Due to the mayor's generosity, she is now subject to suit again. But presumably the city and the residents will soon reach an agreement on treatment of all the residents who are in a similar position.

After spending the night in jail, Mrs. Farraj appeared before a magistrate yesterday at noon accompanied by a lawyer. One of her neighbours and two of her children. The neighbours, summoned by Katherine Hirsch, head of the neighbourhood organization, were

immediately ordered out of the room, and Farraj was told she could either pay or spend 21 days in jail — and still owe the IL488.

Protesting that she was willing to serve 18 years if she had to, but wouldn't pay until she had some compensation for the flat she gave up in the old East Hotel, the widow went back to her cell.

Katherine Hirsch, with one child in her arms, one in the womb and one clinging to her skirt, then led the rest to the City Hall, where they were received on the spot by Yitzhak Kalai, head of city properties and the man who had negotiated with them before on their ownership demand.

The meeting threatened to be another exercise in juggling bureaucracies. The city has nothing to do with Amidar, the company which filed the claim, Kalai explained. True, Praxot, the state-municipal company, was the one that had cleared the protesters out of the East Hotel. But their present landlord is another state company, which has nothing to do with the city. That was more than the Shmuel Hanavi residents could take, and a shouting match ensued. Why were some cases still handled by Praxot, and some by Amidar? Praxot wouldn't dare take anyone to court for non-payment, said resident Ya'akov Hertz, because they would then have to demonstrate why the residents hadn't received compensation in the first place.

When Kalai said Shmuel Hanavi wasn't so bad when they moved in 10 years ago, resident Hanna Mizrahi launched into a tirade: "Do you know why it's changed over the last 10 years? Because they moved in every family with eight or 10 kids, every prostitute, every deviant they could find. Did they ever move any Ashkenazim to Shmuel Hanavi? Anyone with a 'faculty' (at the university)?"

Only in Israel do you have to buy flats if you want any security, the residents complained. Anywhere else it is perfectly acceptable — and easy — to rent flats.

When Kalai protested that he too has to pay a mortgage like anyone else, they pointed out that when he finishes his payments he has something for his investment. All they do is keep paying — if they do. Though Amidar is not the city's business, Kalai got on the phone to see if he could put in a good word and get the debt paid at least until negotiations with all the residents are concluded. But the relevant authority at Amidar was on vacation.

He promised to discuss the matter with the mayor — and returned 20 minutes later with a cheque.

Almas Farraj and the neighbours went back later to thank the mayor warmly and remind him that they were waiting for an answer to their common woes in two weeks.

Haifa leaves tourists cold

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The number of tourists arriving in cruise ships at Haifa for visits of from one to three days has more than doubled, to 37,000, during the past three months.

But these tourists are spending practically no time, and even less money in Haifa. They disembark from their ships, most of which arrive from Egypt, early in the morning, go to Jerusalem and on the way back disembark at a hotel, Frangol, and a travel agent who handles 45 cruise ships, with some 20,000 tourists a year, said the Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The one-day tourists, "inevitably want to see Jerusalem. On a typical ship, bringing 850 tourists, 800 will go to Jerusalem and the rest to Nazareth." They don't spend time in Haifa, "because there's nothing for them to do," she said. There are very few first class restaurants, hardly any respectable bars or cafes for a drink and a talk, or nice places in the city to dance.

Haifa has all the attributes of a tourist city, except for tourists, who leave the town as fast as possible after they arrive.

The industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry appears to have resigned itself to Haifa being "hopeless." The most it can arrange is folklore performances for the cruise passengers on board their ships if they stay overnight.

Poll says U.S. Jews like Carter's performance

NEW YORK (JTA). — A majority of American Jews approved of the way President Carter is performing in office, according to a Gallup poll, the "New York Times" reported yesterday. In an analysis based on six national surveys in early May and late June, 68 per cent of American Jews approved of Carter's performance, 17 per cent disapproved and 15 per cent were undecided. The "Times" says notes that the result of the survey indicates that Jews favour Carter despite his policy on the Middle East.

Wrecked Mea She'arim home called sex rendezvous

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A statement presumably issued by representatives of the religious extremists who wrecked the home of a non-observant resident of Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter on Saturday night said yesterday that the vandalism took place because "it was being used as a house of ill repute."

"Newspaper reports that the house was wrecked in punishment for Sabbath desecration are misleading. They are a deliberate ploy to lead to the anti-religious segment of the Israeli population, that would have everyone believe that the Orthodox resort to violence to impose their religious will upon all those who do not conform to their views," said the English photocopied, but unsigned, statement, left in plain envelope in the box of the Jerusalem Post at Beit Agron.

It added: "An almost nightly 'lovers' lane' in the cramped apartment of Shimon Mizrahi brought

about 'the safety measure' (see Deuteronomy 21:15)... 'Opposite sexes (women loosely clad) cramped together without any moral bounds, constitute a danger to the entire community...'"

Mizrahi strenuously denied that his house had been used as a brothel, but he noted that the "press release" is clear evidence that the vandals who destroyed his home are not going to let up and allow him to live in peace there. (The press release may possibly refer to the fact that Mizrahi's fiancée, to whom he celebrated his engagement on Tuesday night, had visited the flat unchaperoned.)

Mizrahi said that Mayor Teddy Kollek told him yesterday that the vandals had been "normal" and "not extremists." Mizrahi said he would like to see the vandals brought to court. Mizrahi said he is to meet with Praxot, the state-municipal housing corporation, in an effort to find a solution to his problem.

Under-age Beduin children

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and make around IL35 a day, with better workers receiving IL40.

Sadot farmer Mordechai Nakar, who has been in this area for about five years, feels that the Beduin prefer to work in agriculture rather than the building trade, where they can earn more money, because of the "humane manner" in which they are treated. As an example, he said that he gives his steady Beduin worker a plot of land for his own watermelons as well as liberal use of his tractor.

"Eight months out of the year there are almost no children working here," Nakar said, adding that the January winter vacation coincides perfectly with the local harvesting season. "There are some 18 and 17-year-olds working here who have dropped out of school but they wouldn't have anything else to do otherwise," he said.

Nakar said that he earns "between IL100,000 and IL150,000 a year" and is currently building a new house from his profits. But he quickly added that many of the new houses on his moshav are being built with inherited money and loans and not with funds earned by the workers.

"The moshav farm manager said he

knows young Beduin are working in the Sadot fields — a practice which would be considered illegal on the other side of the green line. He said that he doesn't know what the new labour laws will involve but that his moshav will be willing to accept whatever new laws are decided upon.

At nearby Moshav Ugdah, the situation is different. Farming in Ugdah is mainly under glass where no outside help is required. Shimon David, who has been at the moshav since its inception two years ago, said that his family can easily work his two dunams of glasshouse land.

Yoram Aridor, the deputy minister in charge of the still vacant post of labour minister, yesterday ordered ministry officials to get "immediate compliance" with Israel's child labour regulations from employers in the administered areas.

Aridor asked the ministry's director of affairs in the administered areas, Shlomo Amir, to see to it that the cabinet decision on equalization of services in the areas is carried out. Aridor also invited the ministry's legal adviser, and the labour minister, to meet and discuss ways of implementing the cabinet decision "as promptly as possible."

Israel's laws prohibit employment of children under 15. Only the minister of labour may permit a child between 14 and 15 to work, providing his employment does not interfere with schooling under the compulsory education law.

Sharon plan to cut credit to farmers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — The policy concerning directed credit must change and steps are now being taken to implement a new policy. Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon told grape farmers here yesterday.

He said that the new policy is a package deal, which includes recognition for tax purposes of depreciation of tools and equipment; a realistic rate of exchange on import dollars; and payment for unsold agricultural goods due to over-supply.

Sharon believed that if the farmer received compensation for these things, his financial situation would be much better and would need less credit.

Touching on broader issues, Sharon said that "without drawing settlements maps, or giving you a key to our settlement policy, my tendency is to move eastward, as far eastward as possible." He explained that he opposes the transformation of the coastal region into one big massive concrete block.

"The paradox is that this coastal area is good agricultural land, and has good rainfall and water. While further east, in the hilly and dry areas, is where we have to build residential areas."

(See Ben-Meir, p.12)

Dayan: France's Mideast policy is 'purely negative'

PARIS (Reuters). — Foreign Minister Michel Dayan said in an interview published here yesterday that France's present role in the Middle East was "purely negative" and it would lose all influence in the area unless it showed more understanding for Israel.

Dayan told the weekly news magazine "Paris Match" that France's lack of sympathy for the Israeli viewpoint was hurtful to him. "This is not just because of the Franco-Israeli common past, but also because we Israelis have so much sympathy for France, French culture, and for all the country stands for in our eyes."

Giving recent examples of the French attitude, Dayan said it was no accident that his government had to learn from the Americans that France was trying to amend the text of the 1957 UN resolution on the Middle East in favour of the Palestinians.

TEL AVIV'S Toy and Game Fair will open tomorrow night, in 48 colourful pavilions set up in Ekra Malchei Yisrael opposite City Hall.

Knesset committee criticizes cutting of directed credit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday dismissed the government's new policy on directed credit with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and the Bank of Israel Governor, Arnon Gafny.

Except for MK Avraham Shafir (Likud-Liberal), who said that directed credit should be eliminated because it represented a subsidy, none of the other participants in the discussion supported the government's proposal to reduce the volume of directed credit.

MK Haim Bar-Lev and MK Danny Rosolio (Alignment) took issue with the restriction of directed credit for industry, and MKs Pessah Grupper, Amos Hadar, Eliezer Antehli, Yigael Cohen and Rosolio, from different factions in the House, opposed the cutting of directed credit to agriculture.

Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny told the committee that the bank's advisory council, which includes representatives from all economic sectors, had supported his recommendations in the matter unanimously.

The Knesset Finance Committee will hold another meeting on the subject next week and will hear representatives of industry and agriculture.

The Manufacturers' Association some days ago published a statement supporting the government in the cutting of directed credit. The manufacturers said that although the abolition of directed credit would create hardships, they accepted the measures with understanding, since they were dictated by the needs of national economic policy.

17,000 teenagers out of school and not working

Some 17,000 teenagers between the ages of 15 and 18 neither attend school nor hold jobs, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said yesterday.

Stumping up his visit to a summer camp being held in Jerusalem for such youngsters, Hammer noted that this represented more than eight per cent of the age-group. He said that, while there was no way at present to obligate the youngsters to remain at school or take jobs, the phenomenon was "a blot on Israeli society."

The minister was particularly concerned that most of the youngsters involved at that time were from Oriental backgrounds, many of them from development towns and other underprivileged areas. He described the situation as potentially "explosive."

The Education Ministry is considering a number of measures to deal with the problem.

Zim digs in heels over

Signal dispute

HAIFA. — The Signal, Zim's new Israel-built container ship, will not sail with more than 23 men on her complement, the company's general manager, Yehuda Rotem, said yesterday.

The 5,000-ton ship, the first of four built for Zim in the Israeli shipyards, has been dock-bound since her completion five weeks ago, because the company has not reached agreement on her complement with the seamen's union who want a crew of 26 to man the ship.

Rotem told The Jerusalem Post that each additional crew member would not only be redundant on the modern ship but would cost the company nearly IL200,000 a year. This might make the difference between the ship being profitable or operating at a loss, he said.

Rotem emphasized that Zim would no longer "hurry" peace on board her vessels by giving in to demands for reduced staffing. He was sure that the laying up of the ship, which costs Zim \$2,500 a day, was also hurting the unions, which are in the meanwhile losing 23 berths for their members.

In another maritime dispute, the Marine Officers Union yesterday decided to accept a Histadrut proposal to negotiate its demand for advances from the shipping companies, and agreed not to start the action they had threatened for today against the firms.

The Histadrut had on Wednesday proposed that the union and companies hold direct negotiations on the rate of the advances and reach agreement by Monday. Completion of the officers' new labour agreement, has been held up pending a Treasury ruling on the rate of income-tax for seamen.

Rose house controversy goes to court today

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Lands Authority and the Society for Holy Sites in Israel are to go to court today over the future of the home of the late Albert Rose, part of a continuing history of litigation over property on Mt. Zion.

Rose and his wife moved into the then derelict house in 1963. The only civilians in the dangerous border area, they succeeded in establishing what is perhaps the city's best-known rose garden. During the Six-Day War, they remained the only civilians on Mt. Zion.

When Rose and his wife moved into the house, they did so with the agreement of the Holy Sites Society, which was headed by Dr. S.Z. Kahana, then director-general of the Ministry for Religious Affairs. The Society had received its jurisdiction from the Israel Lands Authority.

But Moshe Tal, the Lands Authority official who is now dealing with the case, says that the jurisdiction was handed over to the Ministry, not to any private group or individual. The Lands Authority, he says, is clearly the owner of the property.

The Rose house is the latest in a series of disputes between Dr. Kahana's Society and the Lands Authority. Much of the property is now being occupied by the Diaspora Yeshiva, one of Dr. Kahana's pet projects.

One of the students of the Yeshiva, Brian Shmuel Herman, who described himself as Dr. Kahana's assistant, was involved in an incident on

Sunday when agitated friends of the late Alfred Rose found him in the house. Herman said he had been sent to the house by Dr. Kahana to look after it and to carry out the necessary rites for the dead, such as lighting a candle.

Herman strenuously denied a report according to which he left after having been ordered to do so by Deputy Mayor Louis Rabinowitz. He said that about the time the deputy mayor told him to leave, the police asked him to come to headquarters to "talk things over."

The yeshiva student said that when Kahana was "forced out" of the Religious Affairs Ministry, he was allowed to keep control of the Society for Holy Sites as a gesture. Meanwhile, he says, the Lands Authority is trying to push its own parties into the property on Mt. Zion.

In the case of the Rose house, the Lands Authority is backing the claims of the Jerusalem Foundation, which signed an agreement with Rose, according to which the house was to become a cultural centre. Herman said that Kahana too wants to set up a cultural centre in the house.

The Society has obtained a court injunction prohibiting the Lands Authority or the Jerusalem Foundation from approaching the house, and it is this injunction which is being challenged in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court today.

Meanwhile, according to the executor of the estate, the house is being cared for by Rose's former housekeepers.

Ehrlich fights 'last-in-first-out'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The government would establish a definite relationship between wages and output, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich yesterday said in his closing address to the prestigious Israel-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"I'm against equality — everybody earning the same wage, but producing different amounts. This leads to a breakdown in production."

He would fight the present rule of "last in, first out" when workers were to be dismissed. Now, a worker who has been employed a long time knows he doesn't have to work; he can't be fired. Changing the rule might lead to some unemployment, but it would raise work morale.

Referring to the current ferment in the Tel Aviv stock market, Ehrlich said that the latter could be developed as a useful tool to raise capital, "just as in any capitalist country."

Ehrlich regretted that the "market is now being inundated by a wave of selling which will hurt many innocent investors." But many of them, he said, "had it coming to them for they thought they could make some easy money, and their harvest, as always in such cases, consisted of large losses."

He said he hoped the market would settle down and become a serious place to make investments and raise capital, but this entailed restraint in both buying and selling.

"This government is against red tape and foot-dragging," Ehrlich declared, "and a perfect example is the fact we approved the labour con-

tract with the El Al pilots. They were without a contract for 2½ years — which could only lead to discontent and labour problems. We did not add any better treaty, although we did witness some of them. The important thing is that we set out to get things moving efficiently, and we did so."

"But we also told the pilots that in the new contract, which takes effect on April 1, 1978, the terms will not be as favourable as they would like. There is no reason for them to throw in our face how much a pilot earns in the U.S., conditions here and there are not the same."

The Likud's plans for the future consisted of ending the anomaly of the government's dual role: collecting taxes from a private company — and then setting up a government company to compete with it.

Ehrlich said he would continue to press for a reduction of subsidized water, fuel, and "capital." Although this would evoke resistance from vested interests, he would continue to fight for his beliefs.

He criticized the former government's exercising control over industry's working capital by forcing industrialists to pay an "employers' loan on one hand, and then, leading them, money — the same money it had taken from them — so that they would have working capital."

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I propose the following rule to the entire Knesset without distinction of Party. Here it is: That Judaism not be forced on any person, and no person be forced on Judaism. Is this compulsion?... Suppose a person does not submit to traditional conversion and is still classified as a Jew; isn't that compulsion? Yes, that would be a compulsion imposed upon the entire Jewish people for generations without end; upon millions no longer alive, upon those who are alive, and upon millions yet unborn."

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Police foil plot to assassinate Spanish King

MADRID (AP). — Police launched a massive investigation yesterday into an attempt to assassinate King Juan Carlos, his wife Queen Sofia and Premier Adolfo Suarez after discovering a plastic bomb on an overpass a few moments before the three were due to drive by in the King's car.

Official secrecy was clamped on the investigation into the first reported attempt on the King's life, apparently by radical leftists.

The King and his wife remained on vacation yesterday in the Spanish Balearic island of Mallorca where the bomb was found.

Suarez returned to his office in Madrid after calling the bomb attempt "a bit adventurous" and indicating to reporters that fringe groups were responsible.

Police sources said the kilo of plastic explosives in a metal box were detonated five kilometres outside of Palma de Mallorca by a bomb squad on Wednesday night about 35 minutes after the bomb was discovered by a policeman guarding the King's auto route.

Police declined to say, however, if they believed the bomb had been on the overpass five hours before its discovery when Juan Carlos, the Queen and the Premier drove to the Palma Yacht Club for a sail. Police also declined to say if the bomb had a timing device or how it was to be detonated.

The bomb was found at 7 p.m. Wednesday as the royal party was preparing to leave the club to return to the King's summer palace outside

Palma. The King's car was detoured and took another route to the palace.

Before the investigation clamped down, police said they suspected commandos from a Maoist group known as Grapo. This extreme leftist organization made headlines earlier this year by kidnapping an adviser of the King and the head of Spain's High Court of Military Justice. Police later freed the two hostages unharmed and arrested several Grapo — Revolutionary Anti-Fascist First of October Group — members.

A Grapo commando group was believed to be in Palma as Suarez arrived on the island to brief the King on government affairs, police informants said.

The 39-year-old monarch, head of state since the death 21 months ago of rightist dictator General Francisco Franco, normally takes the same route to the Yacht Club, government officials said.

The King's custom of driving his own car has been widely reported in the press. Bodyguards travel in cars in front of and behind the King.

Police in Mallorca investigating the bomb attempt watched the airport and harbours on the Balearic islands for suspicious persons. The national news agency Cifra reported that navy frogmen checked the hulls of the King's yacht "Fortuna" and that of his father, Don Juan de Borbón, during the night after a policeman noticed huddles in the water. The King's chief bodyguard watched the operation, which did not turn up anything unusual. (AP, Reuters)

Madrid bread strike broken, but garbage collectors walk out

MADRID. — The government yesterday broke a bread bakers' strike in the capital, but garbage collectors' stopped work to give Madrid a new headache.

Madrid Province authorities, backed up by police, forced 16 of the 350 striking bakers to resume baking bread, which they had stopped doing on Tuesday night to support their efforts to raise the price. Housewives queued up yesterday as much as two blocks to try to buy the new loaves. First production

did not immediately fulfill the needs of Madrid Province's population of four million, but the 16 bakeries supply about 65 per cent of Madrid's bread.

But meanwhile the capital's 1,300 garbage collectors had gone on strike Wednesday night to support a demand to work by the clock. The collectors said they wanted to punch a time-clock rather than continue what they said was practically "working as long as it takes to do the job."

Tito ends talks in Moscow, goes on to China next week

MOSCOW. — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito yesterday ended two days of talks in the Kremlin, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

A joint communique is expected next week after Tito leaves the Soviet Union for North Korea and China. He will fly today to a resort at Lake Baikal in the Soviet Far East for a rest.

Tass said the talks were held "in an atmosphere of friendship and comradely mutual understanding." The report indicated that Brezhnev and Tito discussed international affairs in the second day of talks, including U.S.-Soviet relations, the Middle East, Africa, and Soviet-Chinese relations.

Although the 85-year-old Yugoslav leader will be going to Peking, diplomatic observers do not believe that he will serve as a conduit for messages from Moscow to the Chinese leadership.

Tass said that Tito and Brezhnev in their talks stressed the need for "steady implementation of the provisions" of the Helsinki agreement "to create in the continent an atmosphere of cooperation free from confrontation and military upheavals."

Within hours of Tito's arrival on his first visit to the Soviet Union since 1973, he politely told his hosts at a Kremlin banquet that good Soviet-Yugoslav relations depended on strict non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

Tito's remarks were viewed as an underlining of his efforts to gain a firm Soviet guarantee to keep out of Yugoslav affairs during any succession period following his own death.

Brezhnev, in his answering address, acknowledged that problems might arise between Communist countries — but he said they could always be solved on a "reasonable, comradely basis." (AP, UPI)



Crowds of mourners converge yesterday on the gates of Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tennessee, to pay their last respects to rock 'n' roll idol Elvis Presley, who died of a heart-attack on Tuesday.

(AP Wirephoto)

Two die as car plows through crowds thronging Presley's home

MEMPHIS, Tennessee. — A car plowed into a crowd of mourners standing vigil outside Graceland Mansion here where Elvis Presley's body lay in state early yesterday, scattering people like ten-pins. Police said two girls were killed and at least four others injured.

Police chased the car down Elvis Presley Boulevard and caught it in the next block. A man and three young women were taken into custody.

A crowd of several thousand had stood outside Presley's 13-acre estate through the night, awaiting a chance to view the body of this singer, who died of a heart ailment on Tuesday, before burial in a nearby Forest Hills cemetery.

The car, an old white Ford, came down the four-lane street and appeared to swerve into the spectators. "I saw the car coming down the street and as he approached the crowd he seemed to accelerate and the next thing I knew there were bodies flying in the air," said one eyewitness.

Meanwhile, crying, moaning and staggering in the heat and humidity, thousands of fans gathered to pay homage to their rock 'n' roll idol. Men, women and children jammed the streets for blocks, and more than half of them waited hours to file past the singer's casket.

The fans came from across the

country, but most of them from Tennessee and neighbouring Mississippi. The crowd had begun to assemble Tuesday, when word of his death spread across the country. A few spent the night sitting on the concrete steps outside Graceland Mansion or in parked cars.

The mass of humanity at the mansion gate was so strained at one point, shortly after the file began into the house to view the body, that authorities considered calling the whole thing off.

But gradually the crowd became more orderly, if not less pressed together. The temperatures began to cool off and the family permitted the viewing of the body to go beyond the two hours it had originally set.

Vernon Presley, the singer's father, said the funeral planned for last night had to be kept private because he was afraid the crowd could not be handled at the cemetery.

The most emotional episodes took place near the body of the dead Presley, lying in a plain casket, surrounded by bodyguards, police, air force guards and family friends.

In an open white casket, the King of Rock 'n' Roll lay dressed in a pure white suit, silver tie and light blue shirt. His hair was slicked back with that familiar curl. Some women fainted, others staggered out crying and shouting.

"Oh my God, my Elvis. God has taken my Elvis," said a heavyset young woman just before she fainted. Guards carried her to a nearby bench where five other women sat pulling their hair, mumbling about the death of their rock hero, holding each other in their arms and crying uncontrollably.

Across the city and throughout a stretch of the "Bible Belt" into this portion of Tennessee and adjacent Mississippi, the music of Elvis Presley played continuously in dozens of small-town radio stations. Disc jockeys reported that the fans requested one song above all others — "Love Me Tender."

Some irate listeners called radio stations to complain that they were playing other than Presley music. One called it a "sin."

Tributes poured in from around the world for Presley, who died at the age of 42. The mourners here included visitors from West Germany, the Philippines and El Salvador.

President Carter said in a statement on Wednesday that the singer had "changed the face of American popular culture."

At the other extreme, a motorcycle gang paid their own tribute — a simple black ribbon attached to the gates of Graceland. (Washington Post News Service, UPI, AP)

Gunman holds 70 hostages at U.S. religious retreat

SANTA CRUZ, California. — A gunman with a history of mental problems hijacked a city bus and drove it to a mountain religious retreat where he held about 70 persons hostage for about five hours on Tuesday, officials reported yesterday.

No one was injured during either the hijacking of the bus or the stakeout at the retreat house.

The rifle-toting suspect, identified as Tom Wilson, 25, commandeered the Santa Cruz bus on Tuesday evening with four passengers aboard. Sheriff's deputies said Wilson ordered the driver to take him to the Bahai centre near Bonny Doon, (24 km.) north of here in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where a weekly religious retreat was under way for members of the Bahai faith.

Arriving at the retreat, Wilson released the passengers and driver and burst into the centre's dining hall during supper, rounding up dozens of terrified hostages, officials said. He released several women

and all of the children, but kept 39 others inside as sheriff's deputies surrounded the building and a three-man team began negotiating with the suspect.

Wilson demanded to see two men — Jack Kemler, a prisoner at Mariposa County Jail, who he claimed killed his son, and Delos Brandon, a friend being held at San Luis Obispo Men's Colony, a state prison — but surrendered with the demand unmet and without firing the shots he had threatened.

A spokesman at the Bahai faith's world headquarters in Wilmette, Illinois, said Wilson "may be the same person who was removed from Bahai membership four years ago because of psychological problems."

Wilson was released from Atascadero State Hospital, a mental institution, "over a year ago," a spokesman at the hospital said.

The Bahai faith was founded in Iran in the 19th Century, and emphasizes the spiritual unity of mankind and non-violence. (UPI, AP)

Rains quell Southern California fires

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Record rains quelled the extreme fire danger in drought-stricken Southern California with ironic vengeance on Wednesday, as the flash floods uprooted rural residents and ruined crops.

But officials said the flooding spawned by rain on Tuesday night and early Wednesday would have little over-all effect on the state's two-year drought. Much of the more than 76 mm. of rain fell too rapidly to be absorbed into the ground.

And because the storms drenched only the southern third of the state, they did not help the men battling the worst of California's current plague

of forest fires — a two-week-old blaze near Big Sur on the central coast — or other fires even further north.

The flooding caused at least two deaths and one boy is missing. Flooded streets caused dozens of accidents during morning rush-hour traffic in Los Angeles. One man was killed in traffic in Malibu. Several persons were injured when a bus slid into a mudslide on a rain-slick highway about 130 kms. north of Los Angeles.

Officials recommended that highway travel throughout tens of thousands of square miles of California desert be limited to emergencies.

Soweto students stay away from schools

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of students in the black township of Soweto stayed away from classes yesterday despite a government threat to close the schools.

Police in several areas of the township of 1.2 million blacks conducted searches and arrested a number of youths. One school principal said "police raids have emptied our classrooms."

In one incident six black and white policemen entered the YMCA building and clubbed a number of youths. Two of them were hospitalized.

ed, a source in the building said. The South African government reacted to the boycott with a firm step towards closing 40 black schools because "no worthwhile instruction has been taking place" according to a statement from Michiel Botha, Minister of Bantu (African) Administration and Development.

Botha said that the boards of 40 of the 130 schools in Soweto would have to show cause by August 26 why government subsidies to the schools should not be withdrawn because of the boycotts. (AP, UPI)

Soviet icebreaker heads home from the North Pole

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet atomic icebreaker Arkhika was headed back to port yesterday after a "rather difficult" voyage that took it to the North Pole. The Ministry of the Merchant Marine announced.

The Arkhika, the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker, on Wednesday began the first surface ship ever to reach the top of the world.

The Merchant Marine Ministry, reached by telephone, said the Arkhika encountered "rather difficult sailing" as it cut its way through ice that reached a thickness of almost four metres.

When they reached the pole, the crew of the 75,000-horsepower vessel planted a plaque bearing the Soviet coat of arms, the name of the ship, the coordinates and the date.

The crew, led by Captain Yuri Kuchiev, sent a message to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and dedicated the voyage to the 60th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, which falls this year.

Though the Arkhika is the first surface vessel to reach the pole, the Americans sailed under it in 1958 aboard the submarine Nautilus, and surfaced at it the next year aboard the Skate.

Harvard admits role in CIA drug project

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University said it is one of the 58 institutions notified by the CIA that it participated in a massive mind-control research programme in the 1950s and 1960s.

The university said it would consider the matter with its legal staff before deciding on any action. Harvard president Derek Bok said that the CIA letter did not explain what aspects of the programme the university or doctors affiliated with it were engaged in.

Doctors, nurses and students from area colleges voluntarily were dosed with LSD during the mid-1950s research project at the Massachusetts Mental Health Centre.

The CIA previously said that most of the institutions involved in the 25-year \$25m. programme were unaware the research was CIA-funded. (AP)

Somali offensive rocks major Ethiopian town

NAIROBI (UPI). — Escalating their offensive to seize total control of southeast Ethiopia, Somali guerrillas bombarded this major Ogaden town of Dire Dawa with rockets and mortars, causing panic and confusion among the population, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The assault on Tuesday was beaten back by Ethiopian warplanes which blasted the guerrilla positions in the hills surrounding Dire Dawa, a major rail town and centre of Ethiopia's military operations, to try to recapture the Ogaden — an area the size of Great Britain.

Dire Dawa yesterday was reported calm, though ground action continued a few kilometres away with Ethiopian troops, supported by American and Soviet-built tanks, attempting to flush the insurgents and rout them.

Sources in Addis Ababa said the Somalis, who claim they control 97 per cent of the Ogaden, crept under cover of darkness to within a few miles of Dire Dawa and unleashed a rocket and mortar broadside lasting several hours.

"There was apparently not a large force involved," one diplomatic source said, "but they hit the town with mortars and rockets (and) this caused a great deal of panic among the population."

Civilians, including foreigners, rushed into the streets and then covered in their homes trying to find the best shelter, but there was no indication of the number of casualties or property damage.

It appeared to be mainly a harassing attack, though it under-scored the Western Somali Liberation Front was still pushing forward and on the offensive against the Ethiopians.

The Somalis claimed Dire Dawa was virtually under siege and would fall within a matter of days.

Despite that claim, a UPI reporter recently visited Dire Dawa and said there had been only one other direct attack on the city since the Ogaden fighting erupted in early June.

That was when guerrillas rushed the city in trucks and blew up at least one large petrol storage tank.

The reporter said Dire Dawa was calm, but hisling with tanks and thousands of fresh troops and militia airlifted there to reinforce Ethiopia's defensive line and prepare for a counter-attack against the Somalis.

Military officials in Dire Dawa said at the time the "frontline" in the conflict was at least 60 kms to the south.

The Somalis said only Dire Dawa and Harar in the Ogaden remained in Ethiopian hands and they were virtually cut off.

Zaire officials get death sentence for aiding invaders

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP). — The former chief-of-state of Zaire's former forces and the dismissed governor of Shaba Province were sentenced to death yesterday after being convicted of helping the invaders who attacked the province last March, an official announcement said.

The death sentences were the first in what is expected to be a long series of trials of high-ranking officers and officials.

The officials, Colonel Mampa Sakumayi and ex-governor Mungwa, were ordered arrested following the invasion of Shaba, formerly Katanga, and sentenced in Kinshasa, the province's capital, to death for helping the invaders who attacked the province last March, an official announcement said.

But Mungwa was apparently tipped off of his pending arrest, escaped to Brussels and was tried in absentia.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Brussels said no extradition request had been received and that no extradition agreement exists

between Belgium and its former Central African colony.

Several other high-ranking officers and officials arrested toward the end of and after the invasion of Shaba await trial. All are accused of helping the invasion forces that crossed the Zaire border from Angola on March 8, occupied one third of the southeastern province, and were driven out by May 26.

The invaders are often described as followers of the late secessionist leader Moise Tshombe, who attempted to separate the then Katanga province from the rest of the country in the 1960's.

The highest ranking official charged with high treason in connection with this war is Nguzu Kari I Bond, the foreign minister and Mobutu's number-two, whose dismissal and arrest last Saturday stunned diplomatic circles here.

Two others are Samwa Pida Mbagu, governor of the National Bank, and Mwata Yamvo, chief of the Lunda tribe which populates most of Shaba.

Ghana reported starving to death

LONDON (AP). — A famine of crisis proportions has hit villages in northern Ghana where food supplies are scarce because of drought and "gross irregularities" among local officials, according to a British charity organization.

A report from the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (Oxfam) said growing numbers of villagers are dying from nutritional deficiencies. "The present situation in the north reflects a bad situation which has got worse and there is every likelihood that the situation will get worse day by day," an Oxfam field worker said.

Outlying villages where many crops were destroyed by lack of rain have been hardest hit. "Deaths relating to starvation are only taking place in village pockets where the poorest, such as lepers, the blind, the elderly and the mad are not able to travel to the source of food in 'the towns,'" the report said.

"A few cases have been reported of suicide by parents with no food for their children. One local church leader showed a pile of perhaps a

hundred letters from village heads pleading for food for their poorest people.

"Food, (supplied by foreign donors) is not reaching those who need it because those who don't need it are taking supplies for their own ends," the study said. One foreigner working in the region estimated that 50 per cent of the supplies were diverted to "friends, workers, bank managers" and others not seriously affected by the famine, the report said.

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AVEZZANO, ITALY (AP). — Twenty-five years after filing applications for a state job, two local residents got an answer: the posts of ushers they had been seeking in the judicial offices of this regional capital of Aquila are available.

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The scrubby settlement of Neve Shalom; in the foreground, campers' tents. Down the hill to the left is the bamboo shelter where the poetry reading took place, and in the background left (beyond the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Road), the Latrun monastery. (Neil Folberg)

Fireworks and poetry on the homeland

FROM THE LOOK of the dusty hilltop, nothing would flourish there: least of all, peace.

That was the first impression of Neve Shalom (Habitation of Peace), the scrubby start of a communal settlement for people of all cultures and religions, opposite Latrun on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road.

Our visit took place on the last day of a week-long programme to train counsellors for joint Jewish-Arab summer camps. We had come to hear a Jewish-Arab poetry reading, and before the event we were having a tour of the camp, escorted by a Jew and a Druse.

The camp consists of a few pre-fab buildings — lecture hall, meeting room and library. The tent kitchen had running water, plastic cups and plates, a crate full of fly-ridden tomatoes and cucumbers. There were tents for the campers, small huts for the few full-time residents, and a bamboo shelter for outdoor meetings, such as the poetry reading.

On the hill opposite was the monastery of Latrun, hidden in some trees, a deserted Arab village behind it, green and brown hills. Twenty-nine years after bitter fighting, the scene was ripening and drying in the sun.

Though relatively few people had left body and soul to the peace project, some neighbours from the surrounding hills had lent tables and chairs. One of our escorts, who identified himself as Mara, listed some of the camp's achievements: 400 dunams of land — 400 dunams of it — was "leased" from the monastery for 90 years at the token price of IL400. Nearby Kibbutz Bar-Eli gave the tables and lunchtime use of their swimming pool. The olive-drab generators came from the Israel Defence Forces.

More impressive were the human resources for the week-long camp, which came from three sides: Bruno Hussar, an Egyptian Jew-turned-Catholic whom Mara described as the "prophet" of the Neve Shalom settlement; the Hillel foundation in Jerusalem, directed by Dr. Jack Cohen; and a group called *Shvutit* (Partnership), headed by Dr. Rachel Rosenzweig, which promotes meetings between Arabs and Jews throughout the year.

MARSHA POMERANTZ pays a visit to Neve Shalom, a communal settlement for people of all cultures and religions in the cause of peace.

IN ALL, they gathered for the camp a group of children, youth and adults that ranged in number from 40 to 80, depending on the day of the week and the discussions scheduled. Mara observed that most of the participants came from the north — where the confrontation between two cultures is more acute.

Judging from the conversations of that afternoon, one of the problems seemed to be language. That is, most if not all of the Arabs present knew Hebrew — they don't have much choice if they want to participate in Israeli institutions. But (Mara confirmed) few of the Jews participating could express themselves easily in Arabic. Unless more Jews are willing to learn Arabic and Arab culture, the mutual search for understanding seems lopsided from the start.

The tactics of contact are also a problem. In the middle of the tour, in a small kitchen off the meeting room-library, Mara, a social worker from Beersheba, and Mulham, a student of Middle East geography from the Druse town of Beit Jann, began discussing how to facilitate contact between the cultures.

She: Arabs and Jews must know each other's homes. In Beersheba we meet alternately in downtown flats and Bedouin tents.

He: What counts is doing things together. In Galilee we tried hiking trips for Jews and Arabs (and Druse), but found that Arabs were not very interested in roughing it.

The issue wasn't solved there in the kitchen, with elbows on the refrigerator. But presumably the camp programme was an opportunity to argue out tactics of peace as well as the more substantial aspects of Jews and Arabs in a disputed homeland.

THAT HOMELAND was the theme of a poetry reading which apparently attempted to express a common denominator — and came closer to being the dividing line of the equation. The organisers of the reading had asked Yehuda Amichai, Fawzi

Abdulla, Natan Yonatan and Shikid Jahshan (who never appeared) to read poems on "love of homeland." Poems were read in Hebrew or Arabic and translated — sometimes into English as well.

Poets "speak the thing rather than about the thing," Yehuda Amichai began. Before reading his poems he said only that if we seek peace, the homeland should be considered not motherland or fatherland, but the land of our children.

He proceeded to "speak" this homeland where he "can dream without falling," where the dead in the earth, not color or oil, are the major resources, where children play on park benches in Jerusalem.

Fawzi Abdulla gave his interpretation of homeland in a poem called "Land Day" — and instantly politicized the tone of the proceedings. He condemned the Israeli expropriation of Arab land in the Galilee (referring to the demonstration of March 31, 1976).

Reading a lecture in Hebrew, Abdulla said the role of the Arab poet is to reality. Aristotle wrote that the poet describes what might have been and the historian what was. But today, the Arab poet is more involved in writing "historical documents," he said.

"And for the Arab poet in Israel that means describing: the 'wounded

homeland," Arabs divided into refugees and a minority remaining in Israel. Whatever their identification with the wider Arab nation, their dead are buried in this particular strip of land.

THERE WERE some fireworks under the bamboo roof. Natan Yonatan said Abdulla wasn't expressing "love of homeland" but what is called in Latin languages "chauvinism." Both Jews and Arabs are sometimes seized by it, he said. But it is dangerous to allow love of land to get in the way of love of people. It is not the homeland that suffers the wound, but the people — the two peoples — who claim it.

The chauvinism charge angered some Arab students in the audience. A debate followed on the role of the poet in his society and how closely the pen must resemble the sword. Nothing much was resolved.

Kites were flying high in the hot wind. Partnership peace shirts were sold at tables around the camp, along with books of "peace" drawings by Arab and Jewish children. Counsellors prepared multi-lingual name tags for participants and rehearsed songs in Arabic and Hebrew.

They were practising for a "happening" which was to take place in the evening. That effort was a contradiction in terms almost as futile as teaching people to understand each other after four wars and innumerable other hostilities.

Still, sceptical observers agreed, if anyone learned to listen, it was worth the effort.

Frightfully British pagans

TELEVIEW/Alex Berlyne

INEVER realised that Imperial Rome was so frightfully British.

The characters in *I Claudius*, screened on Fridays, refer to each other as "chaps," and wander about as if they were members of the Senior Common Room who had somehow been decked out in bedsheets and Vidal Sassoon hair-dos.

Of course, the English gentleman was created by Dr. Arnold of Rugby who fitted him out with the ancient Greek and Roman attributes of *pictus*, *proventus* and *dignitas*, so it's hardly surprising that the BBC should have reversed the process and fashioned Roman knights and senators in the image of English public school products. Even the Praetorian Guard are presented as rather comical Lancashire working class, in the great tradition. I almost expected them to number off, "Eye, eye-cye, eye-cye-cye, eye-cye-cye."

The BBC should have remembered that the Romans were pagans and, or, foreigners capable of sacrificing puppies to Hecate. That's clearly not cricket even if you are prepared to overlook Caligula's nasty habit of sawing people in half.

And what a superstitions lot they were.

While Claudius was serving as a consul, an eagle swooped down and landed on his shoulder as he was entering the forum. It must have been terribly uncomfortable having something the size of a small turkey hanging round his neck, but this was taken as a favourable omen. The poor thing probably thought that Claudius was going in to lunch. After all, the seagulls at Teignmouth, Devon, were recently described by Councillor Dick Evely as "terrible scroungers." There are generations of gulls who have never hunted for fish," he told a press conference. "They sit outside fish and chip shops instead."

JACK FULMAN, who adapted Robert Graves' novel for TV, used to be an Income Tax inspector, I believe. But even he has underestimated the Roman appetite for nastiness and has presented Claudius, played by Derek Jacobi in a rather tweedy toga, as a goody-goody. Suetonius accuses this paragon of virtue of murdering his family as well as scores of senators and hundreds of knights. A German ex-officio, who was hospitalized in Cologne a couple of months ago, I suppose, the nearest modern equivalent to the stoic Romans who lived through these trying times. The German was suffering from a chest infection caused by his habit of plucking his World War II medals to his naked chest day and night.

Friday's Roman scandals dealt with Claudius's unwilling accession to the Imperial purple, dragged from his hiding place in the Hermaeum by the Praetorian Guard (Josephus on the other hand would have us believe that his protestations were just for show and that he was quite keen really). After Claudius was shown disposing of Caligula's assassins, we were treated to a dose of What the Doctor Ordered, John Bennett, Philip Bostonney of *The Forsyte Saga*, turned up as Xenophon, a doctor advising the emperor about flatulence, eruptions and other interesting topics.

History was once defined by a student of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Junior High School, as "then some other stuff happened." In this case, what happened was that Messalina, played by Sheila White in a style reminiscent of Violet Elizabeth Bott, framed Silanus, her secret passion (played by Lyndon Brook) because he spurned her advances.

Friday's episode was memorable for one exchange which was caused by a poorly-timed cut to the next scene. Messalina (to the midwives attending her): "Is it a boy or a girl?" (Cut) Claudius: "Well, let us get the surgeons to see it."

ON THE WEEKLY News Magazine, Zvi Gil played the role of the Grand Inquisitor and, in a surprise piece of casting, Uri Zohar the Jew put to the question.

The noted entertainer, previously the very embodiment of Israeli secularism (he used a very telling phrase: "I was brought up as an anti-Semite"), has recently begun to study Orthodox Judaism and now wears a skullcap and ritual fringes. On Sunday's *Behind the Headlines* Yaron London mentioned a couple of well-known entertainers who have gone the same route.

— Pupik, of *Shlishat Haco'mim*, and Nissim, of the *Parvarim Duo*.

The April 21 issue of *Rolling Stone* contained a remarkable article about a *ba'al teshuva*. Ellen Willis told how her cold-dropping, footloose brother had had "his lack of faith shaken" a couple of years ago and had entered a Jerusalem yeshiva. Despite his family's shocked reaction he stuck to his decision and almost persuaded Ellen to follow him. The polemics involved make fascinating reading.

JACK KLUGMAN abouted his way through Quincy M.E. on Saturday night, an episode some of us had seen months ago on Jordan TV.

My sense of deja vu increases with the appearance of *Rich Man, Poor Man* on Israel on Thursdays a couple of days after it has been shown on Jordan, and with the screening of *All You Need is Love*, Tony Palmer's history of popular music, on both stations.

The fact that we are now trailing Jordan in showing this particular series might come in useful. One of its big drawbacks, apart from over-indulgence in an extremely short focal length, is that Mr. Palmer hardly ever bothers to tell you who anybody is. After viewing this week's episode, beamed from Amman, I performed prodigies of research and can now identify some of the *dramatis personae* (this Claudius stuff is so catching) you'll be seeing on Tuesday next.

The blind man with the dark glasses who insists that jazz must be disciplined is George Shearing, the English-born pianist. The fond recollections of receiving \$20 tips from Al Capone are given by Earl "Fatha" Hines. Cal Calloway introduces the Cotton Club sequence and the angry white man who tells how Pinchot Smith was chased out of his Bogie Woogie royalties is John Hammond, the entrepreneur. Hoagy Carmichael, composer of *Stardust*, puts in an appearance (he wears a white stock instead of a necktie). The trombonist who appears with Louis Armstrong is, of course, Jack Teagarden, while Louis himself is easily recognisable by the way he keeps mopping his brow with an oversized handkerchief (Mike Douglas once fluffed and asked him, "What advice would you give to perceiving young performers?").

THIS WEEK, *Charlie's Angels* were involved in an episode entitled "Angels in Chains." My memory of it is somewhat blurred, in the way that the pains of childbirth are said to be quickly forgotten, but it was something to do with the girls' breaking out of prison and being chased all over the landscape by bloodhounds. They would have done well to emulate Mr. Buster Lee Blavins who escaped from a jail in Chesapeake, Virginia, last month and stole the prison's bloodhounds on the way out.

ERUD MANOR's new programme, *Big Screen, Little Screen*, shows promise.

He appears to know his stuff and has resisted the temptation to turn this cinema magazine into the sort of Freud's Corner we're only too familiar with on Israel TV and radio. Mr. Manor's strength is that he has an unashamed enthusiasm for entertainment, as opposed to Culture.

The title clips from old movies are a delight, but the actual set is grotesquely overdone and poor Erud looks rather lost among the gigantic reels and blow-ups.

The only yawn-making part of the show is the rather long interview which occupies the middle slot; for my part it could be dispensed with altogether. Last week, the talented Dubi Seltzer droned on about film music for an eternity and I longed for our genial host to remind him what Leo Forbstein, head of Warner Bros. music department used to say to his stable of composers. "Give me thirty-two bars of schmaltz." Leo used to beg of them.

Yehoram Gaon, one of our truly international stars, was this week's guest and managed to do the usual narcissistic bit about the actor's craft. His talk was illustrated by a surprisingly flat clip from *Dieges* which looked like the sort of home movies people take on their holiday.

You know, "You've read the postcards, now see this movie."

How repressive is Rumania?

Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu has been in power for 12 years, gradually developing a foreign policy independent of Moscow. His country, which Prime Minister Begin will

visit next week, could have its relations with the U.S. harmed by Western reports of rights violations there, as he explains to GFNS correspondent PETAR RISTIC.



Nicolai Ceausescu

by cautious publishing houses, although the disbanded central censorship body might not have done this.

The content of the official press — which carries a large number of grim reports from the West — remains the same. Rumanians continue to listen in large numbers to Radio Free Europe — known popularly as Bucharest, the other three stations being government-run — for their unreported local news.

Ceausescu failed to mention a law — which diplomatic sources say is now obeyed to the letter — which requires meetings with foreigners to be reported, and permission to be granted for future meetings.

Clearly anxious to strengthen economic ties with Europe and the U.S. — a central element in the policy of loosening ties that bind the country to the Soviet Union — the president expressed concern over the unsettling effects on U.S.-Rumanian trading relations caused by the debate going on in the Congress over Rumanian emigration policies. An unfavourable out-

come of this could cost him special trading privileges.

"We are hopeful, however, that these difficulties will be surmounted, that useless discussions about already existing agreements be given up," he said, referring to the debate whether to continue to grant Rumania most favoured nation rights.

Asked whether would-be emigrants — Rumania has 400,000 ethnic Germans and perhaps up to 100,000 Jews — were ever interrogated for wanting to go abroad, the president admitted that this sometimes happened — but only when Radio Free Europe was involved. Radio Free Europe — which Ceausescu described in a rare show of anger as a "fascist agency" — frequently publishes names of people waiting for exit permits.

"They were indeed interrogated harshly," but by their co-workers who called them to order," the president admitted.

Diplomatic sources said that apart from psychological pressure on would-be emigrants to change their minds, they could lose their jobs or their homes.

Although never mentioning the Soviet Union by name, Ceausescu made two veiled criticisms of Moscow. One concerned the recent Soviet attack on the Spanish Communist Party leader Santiago Carrillo — who was Ceausescu's guest on the Black Sea recently — for his concept of Eurocommunism.

The other concerned the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

"To the extent which Communist parties act in conformity with the social and historical realities in their respective countries, they can play an even more important role in national political life," Ceausescu said, clearly supporting Carrillo.

In an apparent criticism of the Soviet justification for the invasion of Czechoslovakia, the president said that the Communist notion of "proletarian internationalism" did not give one country the right to interfere in the affairs of another.

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Groucho's 'friend' steals the show in court custody battle

By CHARLES FOLEY

SANTA MONICA, California (UPI)—The bizarre struggle over the custody of 30-year-old Groucho Marx has ended in a draw with the appointment of his grandson, Andrew, 27, as legal guardian of his affairs. But the mystery surrounding the alleged kidnapping of the old man's Beverly Hills home was left unresolved by the four-month battle at Santa Monica courthouse, near the Pacific Ocean.

At least there could be no doubts as to who was the star of this unhappy show. While the great comedian lay bedridden and apparently dying after a hip operation and other troubles, his secretary-girlfriend, manager Erin Fleming held the stage in the greatest performance of her otherwise undistinguished acting career.

At stake was the Marx fortune, said to be between \$2.5 m. and \$3 m. At war were Miss Fleming, 38, and the comedian's only son, Arthur, who sought to be named conservator of the estate over the lady's head. Scandalous accusations were hurled. Was there a plot to kill Groucho? Had Fleming drugged, abused, shaken and slapped the frail old man, as staff at the big house charged? Had she driven away his friends and relatives, and boasted "I am Groucho Marx—I made him!"?

All this Miss Fleming denied, eyes ablaze, although testily and furiously defiant. In a deposition that took up 512 pages, she explained that she began taking care of Marx's affairs seven years ago, when TV producer Jerry Davis told her the

comic was lonely and needed a secretary. She lunched at the Groucho mansion and found him "hopelessly neglected."

"I did not want to take on the job," said Miss Fleming, "because I had just spent the last few years caring for my mother. But I felt that this was one of the great men of all time, and he needed someone."

The suburban-haired Miss Fleming, who was then 30, an out-of-work but ambitious actress with considerable business acumen, quickly turned herself into Groucho's personal manager and girl Friday.

She persuaded television networks to re-broadcast his old TV show from the 1950s (with great success). She became his "constant companion," as the gossip columnists put it, taking him out again into society. Novelist Bryan Forbes described his appearance in 1972 at Elton John's Malibu beach house:

Groucho had agreed to sing. "But just before he began, his secretary reminded him that he ought to go to the bathroom. Groucho did a 'slow burn.' She always makes me go to the bathroom before I sing," he said. Then with perfect timing, the secretary dropped into the silence. "Because after I sing, everybody wants to go to the bathroom. He was led away, still gently protesting."

Miss Fleming next built up an elaborate stage show, starting Groucho as the centerpiece of an evening of film clips, monologues, jokes, songs—including a Groucho Marx duet—and repartee with the audience. They played to packed houses in New York (Carnegie Hall),



Groucho Marx and Erin Fleming: "an extraordinary command of mind and will."

San Francisco and other cities.

One way and another, Miss Fleming made more than a million for Marx, taking a sizeable cut for herself. In court she agreed that she was a 50 per cent partner in Groucho Marx Productions, received \$100 a week expenses as his manager, "which I never bothered to collect," and 15 per cent of income "from projects I instigated, including a college tour and commercial."

Everyone had said Groucho was all washed up. But she had rejuvenated his career. She had cared for him personally, devoted her life to him. Of course it was untrue that she had overstruck or abused the old man. As for "terrorizing" him, as other witnesses had suggested, "the only time I saw Groucho shaking was when he was convulsed with laughter."

Fleming's break with Groucho's only son Arthur, a showbiz journalist and biographer, came when she sought to become permanent conservator of the estate.

vator of the comedian's person and his estate.

Arthur, 56, opposed her. Believing he had bugged her telephones, he hired private detectives. But after a few encounters with Fleming, they went to the police to tell of finding concealed hypodermics and drugs at the Groucho home. Former Marx nurses said the drugs were used to keep the old man submissive. Sometimes they had to throw the stuff away, rather than administer it. A chef who worked for two years in the household charged that when one nurse refused to give Groucho his dose, Fleming became so angry, she unzipped her jumpsuit and stood naked, screaming obscenities.

All this, Miss Fleming told the judge, who commented that she did "appear to have an extraordinary degree of domination and control over Groucho's mind and will."

Some old friends of Groucho stuck up for Fleming. "He was in love with her," said his brother Zeppo. "It could kill him if she was taken away."

In better days, Groucho had liked to joke: "Our relationship is purely physical"; unhappily for all concerned, it was far more complex than that. It was hard to question Miss Fleming's sincerity when she said tearfully in court that she still loved the old comedian "with all my heart." She visits him almost every day in Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai hospital. His mind is wandering, he answers questions with monosyllabic replies, he seems only partially aware of the legal squabbling.

BIBLICAL BYWAYS/Louis Rabinowitz

A republican commentator

THE PORTION of this week deals generally with what may be called the civil administration of Israel and includes the eventual establishment of the monarchy.

"When thou comest unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou shalt possess it and dwell therein, and thou shalt say, I shall appoint over me a king, like all the nations round about. Thou shalt surely appoint a king."

The monarchical tradition is strong in Jewish tradition. The Bible clearly envisages that the dynasty of David would be an eternal one which, if interrupted, would eventually be restored, and to this day we include in the blessings after the Shema prayer for that restoration and that "upon his (David's) throne no stranger shall sit."

In consonance with this, with a sole exception that I know of, all the classical rabbinic commentators regard the words "Som Z'mim" in the verse above quoted, translated as "thou shalt surely appoint," as a positive injunction.

The fact is however, that when eventually the people came to Samuel and asked that a king be appointed, Samuel violently opposed the proposal, regarded it as an act of faithlessness to God and in sombre terms painted the gloomiest of pic-

tures of the dictatorial tyranny of the king. (1 Samuel 8: 4-6; 11-18)

Basing himself on this, one outstanding biblical commentator, the 15th century Don Isaac Abarbanel, comes out roundly as a vigorous opponent of the monarchical system and a profound and pronounced republican. He regards the above quote not as a positive injunction, but as a reluctant and undesirable permission. It is noteworthy that he wrote this attack upon the monarchy while he was actually in the Service of the kings of Spain, and it was probably this experience, as well as his extensive knowledge of Roman history that convinced him that the golden age of Rome was when it was ruled by consuls, to which should be added his profound admiration of the democratic rule of the three existing republics of his time—Venice, Florence and Genoa—which made him reject the monarchy.

Not only does he take every opportunity of expressing his views of the superiority of republic over monarchy (e.g., on 1 Sam. 8:4 and Deut. 17:14) but he has two long essays, virtual dissertations, on the subject (Judges 8:7 and 1 Sam. 10:17). And where Jewish tradition identifies the Messianic Age with the restoration of the Davidic Dynasty, Abarbanel firmly maintains that in the Messianic Age there will be neither kings nor aristocracy, since all men will be equal. (End of year 12 of his commentary on Isaiah).

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A servant of the public

BELLA KARNI recalls the late Finance Minister PINHAS SAPIR on the second anniversary of his death. His image, she says, was that of a paterfamilias.

"THE WHOLE of Kfar Sava belongs to him" — went the rumour, and indeed Pinhas Sapir had a strong feeling of ownership. Every brick in the country belonged to him. When he travelled the roads, he would calculate every square kilometre of agricultural land that had been tilled, how much remained for building, how many roads had to be constructed in the area and what was needed in the region to provide the people with their means of livelihood.

Action, and the belief in action, characterized him. Vision and reality served him. He was captivated by the smoke from factory chimneys, which he found more exciting than the scent of flowers and eucalyptus trees. Occasionally, the dead preceded the vision. He looked for the end result in everything, and his language was numbers. When examining a subject, he first worked out the funding. Zeros came together in his mind to form millions and thousands of millions and were converted into dollars, pounds sterling and marks.

But the rich man from Kfar Sava, the man of property and the dealer in millions, was, within his own four walls, a poor man without personal possessions, using hardly anything for himself.

He evaluated men as people, first, and only secondly according to their skills and diligence. He was impressed by an excellent mechanic, a good technician and a faithful watchman.

HIS IMAGE was that of a paterfamilias and comprised opposite extremes. On the one hand, he could be aggressive and angry, and on the other friendly and concerned. When he walked through the waiting room outside his office and saw an unfamiliar face, he would ask, "Are you for me? What can I do for you?" And before he had finished asking his question, the man would be in his room, pouring out his request.

Sapir could not bear to see human suffering, and did not forget the citizens' demonstrations when they first settled the land. He remembered the mothers and

children who threw tomatoes and eggshells at him. When Sapir arrived at one new settlement, a child asked: "What do I have to do to get a cup of milk?" At another settlement, women and mothers shouted, "Give us bread." Unemployed labourers came out with banners reading "Work and bread for the labourer's family." These memories guided his actions and determined his field of activity.

He established industries in order to create places of employment for the local people. He knew beforehand that many years of running-in would be needed before a plant showed a profit, but he nevertheless risked large sums in order to establish a new settlement. And whenever signs of a slowdown appeared in a plant, Sapir would provide additional funds. "One must oil the wheels of the machinery lest it stop," he would say.

Sapir considered the individual and the society in which he lived as inextricably bound together. He himself was a willing prisoner of the political and social reality that determined his fate, and he saw public activity as something sacred. He fought against social wrongs, the suffering of the unemployed, the hardship of families with many children, and the disregard for human rights. The subject of "raising the standard of living of the workers" was always on his agenda. The widening social gap troubled him constantly, and he was determined to do something about it.

"In making the supreme sacrifice we are all equals," he would say. "Sons of families with many children fall in battle also."

He cross-examined the people he met: "What is your income? How do you support your family?" He would embarrass them by going into every detail: "How many times a week do you buy meat?"

SAPIR understood that the head of a family could not be the only breadwinner, and the wife had to be free to go out to work. So he established day creches, worried about the future of children growing up in development towns, and created

professional-training schools for them. He worked with all his might to increase and improve educational services, for he saw ignorance as the root of evil, bitterness and rebelliousness.

"I am a servant of the public," he declared. Sapir's day was loaded with problems. But he was blessed with the ability to handle many different matters at the same time, giving each problem his special attention as it came up.

Sapir had great strength and force of character, and could impose his will by simply raising his voice. He always remained sensitive to the other person's feelings and sense of honour. He never failed a friend. People trusted him and relied on him. He condemned selfishness.

He was unable to cast a stone at anyone, and even if he offended someone, he would sooner or later stretch out a hand to him. He would recall the other's good deeds and count them to his credit. Nevertheless he would, in his mind, take note of the person's deviation and feel sorry for him. Dizzy with the magic of activity, he was afraid to lose his faith in man. "Don't provoke me," he would plead. He defended himself against the influence of agitators: "If I had to believe rumours," he once said, "I should have no one left to work with."

His life was full of creativity and incident. But outside his office he was alone, and he fought against his loneliness and sensitivity by filling up every moment he had. Everything that was not connected with his work was secondary. He did not look for big moments in life. He stressed the importance of daily affairs and believed in the small miracles that come from pedantic work.

He scrutinized everything, wanting to know the reason and purpose of everything. He strove for the truth by way of feeling, intuition and imagination, which is why people swarmed him and said, "Sapir, you decide, you tell us."

Sapir's word was a foundation on which people built, invested, took risks. He was never asked to give his



Pinhas Sapir

hand, for it was known that his promise was firm and reliable.

Sapir did not conduct himself with the haughtiness that comes from being in power for many years. He always kept a human face. He shrank from the personality cult. "One must retain mortal proportions," he would preach. And with all his inner humility, he gave himself and his life for the sake of the "cause."

Bella Karni was secretary to the finance minister from 1953 to 1974, while the late Levi Eshkol and Pinhas Sapir held the office.

The leitmotif of Jewish living must be to remember Indifference wrongs the martyrs

By ABRAHAM I. KATSH

THERE IS a connection between the tragedy of our six million murdered by the Germans and the rise of Israel.

There is a vast literature on the Holocaust, but many persons shy away from reading about the horror and the agony. They avoid being troubled and upset. This indifference wrongs the martyrs of the death camps and the ghettoes — and history as well.

Such an engineered forgetfulness aids the enemies of decency and is a boon to the criminals who unleashed the Holocaust and would like the world to forget it. The extent to which they have succeeded is attested by a University of California Research Centre study showing that the dramatic and complete reporting of the Eichmann trial failed to "deepen understanding of the horrors of the Nazi era."

Jews the world over observe an annual Holocaust Remembrance Day. But the Holocaust must be part of our daily awareness and that of our children, who, fortunately, knew it not.

Death is always tragic. But when death by murder is multiplied to the dimension of six million in five years, counting only the Jewish victims, the deed becomes so monstrous, so inconceivable, that a new term had to be coined, "genocide." How is one to convey this unprecedented tragedy to children?

Jewish youths, like all young people, thrill to triumphs of courage. "How come they died without rebelling?" Jewish children ask about the victims of the Holocaust.

They do not know that the Nazis concealed their nefarious activities, that they isolated the Jews, making the non-Jewish populations against them and making it impossible to help them.

So we must teach our young and stress the heroism of the victims, especially their affirmation of life in the ghettos and the death camps.

This approach will enable our young to identify with the martyrs who, in the very moment of death, affirmed their belief in the eternity of the Jewish people.

THE RISE of the State of Israel is a collective achievement — a passage into freedom in which the six million, too, played a part by challenging the conscience of the world to right the wrong done to them.

The Exodus from Egypt is a theme of all our festivals and prayers — and not only of Passover. In the same way, reference to the Six Million and to the rise of Israel should be integrated in all Jewish observances and prayers.

Just as a mezuzah is affixed to every Jewish doorstep, books on the Holocaust should be given a place on the bookshelves of every Jewish home. Such volumes should be on view in every Jewish public building and institution; they should be studied in every Jewish school; sections of them should be read on every Jewish festival.

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And Ma'amin, the hymn of Jewish belief which many of the victims intoned as they walked to their death, should be chanted, and a chapter describing how the Jews conducted Sederim under Nazi domination might be read. The ceremony might fittingly be concluded with the singing of "Hatikva."

On Purim, the story of a heroic event of the Resistance might be added to the reading of the Megilla. And why not a special Megilla? On Hamkka, an additional candle should be lit on the first evening, symbolizing the light of Jewish valour under Hitler. On Tisha be'Av a Yahrzeit light should burn in every Jewish home and in every synagogue to commemorate the Six Million. And on Succot the word *Sukhor* — Remember — should be barked on the wall of every sukkah.

THE LEITMOTIF of Jewish living must be to remember and to remind, so that never again will there be a recurrence of a Holocaust.

Chaim Kaplan wondered in the "Scroll of Agony": "Who will write of our troubles and who will immortalize them? Where is the fold poet of Polish Jewry, who will gather all the tragedy in our lives and perpetuate and guard it in the repository of his heart? Poet of the people, where art thou?"

Each one of us must become "a repository" of memories and of commemoration.

"We are left naked," Kaplan wrote, "but as long as this secret power is still within us we do not give up hope." And the strength of this power lies in the indigenous nature of Jewry, which is rooted in our eternal tradition that commands us to live. Polish Jewry says, together with our poet laureate Bialik:

"One spark is hidden in the stronghold of my heart, One little spark, but it is all mine; I borrowed it from no one, nor did I steal it.

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SHARE MARKET STILL SLIPPING

Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
The share market continued to fall in heavy trading yesterday, as more than 11,000 shares changed hands. Drops registered were not as severe as on "black" Wednesday's session.

To the 76 issues which were registered as "sellers only" on that day, only 51 issues were so established yesterday. Nevertheless, there were 46 share and bond issues which declined by more than 5 per cent. At these levels, there appeared demand from the banks as well as from private brokers. Indications point to a somewhat lower market on Sunday with a strong possibility for a turnaround on either Monday or Tuesday.

In contrast to the falling share market, there was an unprecedented demand for index-linked bonds. The demand for the optional loans was so strong that 110 separate issues were marked as "buyers only" and were marked up by the compulsory 3 per cent. The few issues that did trade rose by no less than 4 per cent. Six rose by 3 per cent, while bonds traded on a yield basis saw the yield go down to 1.7-1.8 per cent. The lack of sellers in the bond market resulted in a very moderate turnover of about 11,200.

The newly established trend in the index-linked bond may be expected to continue for a number of sessions as prices will eventually adopt themselves to a higher level. It is generally hoped that some of the investors and speculators alike who had no justification of being in the share market will now direct part of their funds into the bond market, which is much more sedate.

As in all falling markets, there is always a star. Discount shares stole the spotlight as they rose by 90 points to 1,325. Others in the group did not fare as well. Bank Leumi was down a dozen to 223, Mizrahi was eight lower at 257, but Hapoalim was unchanged at 282. Union Bank lost 38 to 583.5. Prices of the recent surging

mortgage bank stocks retreated on a broad front. Many felt that taking their profits at this stage is better than facing an uncertain market in the sessions ahead.

Insurance shares generally held their ground well. Delek could no longer hold its own and fell 62 to 582. Lighterage was 70 lower at 532.

Land development and real estate issues fell relatively hard. Five issues were "sellers only" while no less than 10 issues were allowed to fall without limit. Yet the falls, in view of the recent sharp rises, were more moderate than might have been expected.

Alliance broke for the second day running and was registered as "sellers only" at 1,456. American Israeli Papers Mills slipped by eight to 380. A source connected with the company revealed to this reporter that the July sales of paper in the order of 10,500 tons was a company record. The same source feels that second quarter results will be an improvement on the satisfactory earnings report registered for the first quarter of the year. The paper-making machines, including the new line, are now running at 100 per cent capacity, and there are orders on hand for no less than three months production. Risco IL2.5 was 10 per cent lower at 557. Investment company shares were also lower. Clal Investments repeated by more than 6 per cent to 340. Amisair options were 10 per cent lower at 387.

The Natat investment dollar continued to gain as it added five points to IL1.46.

Most Active Issues

Hapoalim (B) 382N.C.	IL2,896,000
DB	383.5
Prof. "A"	178.3
Bank Leumi 332-12	IL2,811,000
Shares traded:	IL100,400
Index bonds:	IL21.6m.
Natad:	IL1.46 +6 ag.
Delek:	247,000
Turnover:	\$401,000

DOLLAR-LINKED DEBITURES	15.77	17.27
5% Delek	b	1725
5% Delek Sec. Junior	b	1720
5% Electric Corp. B.	r	385

PURCHASE IN DOLLARS	125.2	125.3
Holla 22	b	125.2

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Alpar, 1982 (1)	b	797
Alpar, 1987 (1)	b	830
Bit, 1989 (1)	b	880.5
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Bit, 1989 6.5% (66)	b	421.5
Bit, 1989 6.5% (61)	b	348.5

OPTIONALS		
Dev. 296	b	482.5
Dev. 313	b	308
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	289.5

CONVERTIBLES		
10% DB	b	216.5
10% Mizrahi (2)	b	288.5
10% Leumi (3)	b	237

10% Delek	r	261
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	b	239

BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		
Qatar Hityashut	r	322
LD.B. Bankholding	r	309
Union "A"	r	680.5
Discount "A"	r	622
United Mizrahi	r	257
Hapoalim	b	443
Leumi "A"	r	223
Gen. Mortgage	b	800
Dev. & Mortgage	b	358
Discounting Mortg.	b	354
Tefahot 5% pref.	b	310
Tefahot	b	800
Ind. & Dev. 6% pref.	r	381
Asyeh	r	795
Rashech Insurance	b	728
Bahar - "C"	b	370

REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITIBUS		
Asorim	r	280.5
African Israel IL10	r	1080
Int. Land Dev.	b	481.5

Discount "A"	r	322	336
United Mizrahi	b	257	265
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Am Motors	3%	Ford
Amer. T & T	63%	Geo Dynam

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Am Motors	3%	Ford	41%
Amer. T & T	63%	Gen. Dynam	34%
Al Rich	94%	Gen. Foods	66%
Avon	15%	Gen. Motors	66%
Bell How	20%	Gen. Tire	34%
Beit Sh.	30%	Gillette	24%
Boeing	37%	Graco	24%
Bois My	32%	Gulf West	13%
Bourgeois	72%	Honywell	31%
CBS Inc.	50%	IBM	20%
Colanese	46%	Int. Paper	45%
Chase Man	35%	Int. T & T	35%
Chrysl.	15%	John John	72%
Coca Cola	38%	LTV	24%
Con Ed	23%	Litton	34%
Crown Zell	34%	Lockheed	17%
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Is this the time?

THE DECISION of the Joint Settlement Committee on Wednesday to have three new settlements established across the "green line" was apparently intended to be made without fanfare. Certainly without the publicity of previous such moves, including last Sunday's announcement of the "equalization of services" for the inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Indeed, there was no official statement of any kind about this action by a body shared jointly by the Government and the World Zionist Organization. But for the (wholly foreseeable) leak to the radio, we might have been left in the dark for another day or two on this matter.

Moreover, the decision did not inaugurate any new line of policy. It merely called for the immediate implementation of three of the score or so settlement plans already approved by the committee when it was chaired by Israel Galili, as member of the Rabin cabinet. These plans, as Cabinet Secretary Naor so neatly put it Wednesday night, "had not been carried out for some reason."

Alignment members of the committee, representing the WZO, could, in theory, oppose the idea. But only on practical grounds: high politics, they had been notified many times before, under the old regime, was none of their business. So they went along with the virtual fait accompli presented for their rubber stamp approval by the chairman, Agriculture Minister Arik Sharon, at a meeting called without an agenda.

Truly, a more adroit way of having the Opposition hoisted with their own petard it would be hard to imagine.

The more so since the three projected settlements are all close enough to the old armistice lines — and well within the limits of the Allon Plan — to deny the Alignment any reasonable complaint. Mevo Horon, near Tulkarm, in an area where Israel's old coastal wasteland was almost at its narrowest, is not another Kaddum, smack in the heart of Samaria.

It cannot therefore be argued that with this decision Premier Begin was seeking to make good his triumphant post-election pledge that "there will be many more Kaddums." At the same time, however, it could help defuse whatever resentment might be smoldering among Gush Etzionim faithful about the failure of the Likud's regime so far to make a bold new thrust into the promised land.

Finally, the decision was modest enough in scope to justify the hope that it would not, in itself, be intolerably offensive to the Americans. That the Carter administration would feel obliged to inform Mr. Begin's government it was "deeply disappointed" could, of course, easily have been foreseen, if only because of Washington's traditional stand against Israeli settlement in the territories.

But there was perhaps something more than that, this time, in the American resentment over Israel's action. For it was, after all, Mr. Begin himself who — with Mr. Carter's full concurrence — not long ago appealed to the neighbouring Arab states that all parties should call a moratorium on violent controversy, in anticipation of peace talks sometime later this year.

Granted, the Arabs have taken little heed of Mr. Begin's appeal. But this is no reason for the Prime Minister to so blithely disregard it himself. There are actions which, as he knows full well, speak even louder than words.

Three new settlements across, but near, the "green line" do not, admittedly, herald the annexation of the West Bank. But having burnt its fingers with the Cabinet Secretary's ill-advised statement on Sunday — "you don't have to annex that which belongs to you" — the Begin administration might have been expected to pick its course a trifle more circumspectly.

Since the decision by the Joint Committee on Settlement was not meant to meet any immediate national emergency — and since the gains from it can apparently only be counted in domestic terms — it is legitimate to ask: what truly useful purpose did it serve besides helping drive Washington and the Arabs another step closer together in advance of the talks that are supposed to be held next month in New York?

NO MORE THAN a tenth of today's three million Israelis were 14 to 40 years old in 1948, when Menachem Begin led the young revolt against the British. Even then, only a few were aware of its significance; fewer still knew the beliefs and principles, the basic values and the political concepts which guided it. No more than a handful of close associates knew Menachem Begin himself.

Time has dimmed the memory of those who knew and understood. For the rest, Begin was first the leader of the dissident underground which, at best, had a secondary role in Israel's renaissance, and, secondly, the leader of a futile opposition whose fiery oratory merited little more than small-type reporting.

As a leader, no less than as a person, he has remained an enigma for most people. No wonder, therefore, that they measure him by the yardstick they applied to the kind of leader which they knew — the politician, whose principles yield to expediency, or even the statesman who ultimately bends to reality in the recognition that compromise may be the only way to pursue his long-term purpose.

No surprise, then, that each new statement of Mr. Begin's is taken as an adroit tactical move rather than as a declaration of principle, each political act as a clever feint rather than as a purposeful thrust.

Many of those who disagree with Mr. Begin's declared aims mute their opposition either because they believe that, if nothing else, the sheer weight of responsibility will make him accept the status quo, or that his colleagues in the cabinet and his partners in the coalition will moderate his positions. No harm will therefore come — so they believe — from Mr. Begin's probing for the limits of his power.

Nothing could be more erroneous; nothing could be more indicative of ignorance of the man. Mr. Begin has held the same positions, in practically the same words, and for nearly the same reasons, on almost the same public issues, over a period of 30 years; and nothing could show more clearly how little the sources and quality of Mr. Begin's leadership are understood.

The leadership is genuine. However, it derives not from intellectual stature or profundity of thought, but from constancy of purpose, single-minded determination, a sense of mission and an absolute inner certainty of being right and in the right, which have characterized him throughout. This is why it is Begin and no one else who makes foreign policy in the present Government.

MR. BEGIN'S steadfastness can be illustrated even with respect to secondary issues. Thus, he spoke recently of the need to give the President more real authority. In the Knesset debate of February 16, 1949, he opposed the government's bill that defined the President's authority and proposed to give him a limited power of legislative veto.

In the same debate, Mr. Begin argued in favour of a functional government composed of eight ministries. The number of ministries should not be subject to "considerations of party politics," he said.

READERS' LETTERS

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — It is quite clear that Israel is about to be sacrificed on the altar of crass commercialism. It is almost folly to believe that the presence of 5 million Jews in the United States can vitiate the market value of 150 million Arabs sitting on the world's largest known oil deposits. It is inevitable that slowly but surely, the entire world, including the U.S., would have to turn to their own immediate self-interests.

The Americans are quite clearly going to consume oil until the last drop gurgles down the carburetor of an air-conditioned Cadillac. Then, when it is too late, they will look for an alternative, probably fail to find one, and collapse in chaos.

Politicians have never been known to sacrifice present benefits for future gains, and in this respect, sad to say, Israel until now has been no exception. Unless the government exerts all efforts in the right direction, catastrophe is imminent. In this regard, it is particularly alarming that Israel's economy and power are almost completely derived from imported oil. It goes without saying that when the reserves run out, the country will have supplies of oil cut off.

I feel that the search for alternative energy sources should be of such high priority that it should be part of the defence budget. All efforts should be geared to harness solar energy on a vast scale to generate electricity, to develop suitable electric storage devices to make electric cars practical, not just expensive toys, and to develop safe and practical nuclear power.

Jewish scientists have been at the forefront of developments in all fields, and I am sure that the necessary brain power exists in Israel. It is up to the government to provide the finances before it is too late.

N. L. SCHWARTZ
Senderwood, South Africa.

CANCELLED STAMPS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As a collector of Israeli stamps since the first issue, I wish to draw your attention to the following unsatisfactory situation.

For years, I have received mail from friends and relatives in Israel. The stamps on the envelopes are added to my collection or given to other collectors. For some time now, the cancellation of these stamps has been made in a way which destroys them, so that no collector would accept them. But while it was possible from time to time to salvage some stamps, the dirty cancellation of the last year makes this impossible.

Stamps are inexpensive propaganda and business for the countries of issue. Why cannot postmasters take care that the cancellation is made in a clean and readable form for the pleasure of collectors and the glory of Israel?

FREDERICK S. GERBER
New York, N.Y.

A careful reading of some of the Prime Minister's earlier writings and speeches suggests to MBIR MERHAV that the mark of Mr.

Begin's leadership is a single-minded constancy of purpose and absolute inner certitude in his own rightness.

THE CONSTANCY OF MENACHEM BEGIN

He also demanded that it be established by law that the seat of Government would be in Jerusalem, irrespective of the practical constraints that existed at the time. For, as he said on June 18, 1949, "not every political declaration is a declaration. These are statements which are political acts."

But these are minor matters. When it comes to the central issue of our time, Mr. Begin made his most important statements in the Knesset debate on the Rhodes armistice agreement in April, 1949, and in the foreign policy debate in June, 1949.

To put those statements into perspective, here is a paragraph from Mr. Begin's foreword to the 1972 edition of his book, *The Revolt*, in which he quotes his radio broadcast of May 15, 1948:

"The homeland is historically and geographically an entity. Whoever fails to recognize our right to the entire homeland, does not recognize our right to any of its territories. We shall never yield our future and eternal right. When the day arrives, we shall materialize it."

On April 4, 1949, Mr. Begin called for a vote of no confidence in Ben-Gurion's government, for having signed an armistice with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and thus giving up to its king, "the slave of the British," a vast area in the western part of the country. Referring to the mutual defence treaty between Britain and Abdullah, and heaping scorn on the government, Mr. Begin said:

"We have achieved nothing through peaceful ways. You, who sit on the green chairs, have deluded yourselves into believing that if you agree to the partition of Eretz Israel, you will get the State of Israel peacefully. It is also written there [in the UN partition plan — M.M.] that the British will have their guns positioned at the main distance, where they will be according to this agreement." And turning to the Religious Front members in the House, he said:

"Gentlemen, I want to ask you on your conscience...how did your hand not tremble...[when you signed] a plan which implies...abandoning the Jordan...the enemy...[and giving] official recognition to the rule of Abdullah over the Old City in Jerusalem?"

BUT NOT ONLY Mr. Begin has remained constant. In the general election that has gone by since he said these things, there have been vast changes in Israel's reality, within and without. Yet the basic dilemmas have remained the same, and so have the conflicting answers to the problems. Note, for example, Ben-Gurion's reply in that debate to his

opponents, who then also included Mapam:

"A Jewish state in existing reality, even only in western Eretz Israel [that is, without Transjordan — M.M.] is impossible if it is to be democratic, for the Arabs in western Eretz Israel outnumber the Jews...Do you want to have, in 1949...a Jewish state in the whole of Eretz Israel and...[should] we drive out the Arabs [to accomplish this], or do you want to have democracy in that state? How then will it be a Jewish state, even if it is not in the whole of the country?"

The minor changes that have to be made to restate this argument in terms of our own times are obvious. Of course Mr. Begin never accepted, and does not accept today, the premises, the analysis and the policy conclusions of his opponents. In *The Revolt* he encapsulated his attitude towards the Arabs:

"Partition will not ensure peace in our country. From the Arab point of view, partition is a possibility only: either they will want, and be able, to rise in arms against Jewish rule, or they will not. In the first case they will fight even against a partition state. In the second case they would not fight against Jewish rule even in the whole country."

And in the foreign policy debate of June 18, 1949, Begin said: "...Peace does not depend on signing peace treaties. Peace between us and the Arab States depends mainly, and perhaps only, on the military, economic, territorial and strategic power relations which will set up between us and them."

He scorns Ben-Gurion's choice between democracy and Jewishness, and simply denies the relevance of the demographic facts: "We — a minority in Eretz Yisrael! If we accept that assumption, then there are many parts of Eretz Israel which should not have been included in her boundaries...Such an argument cuts the ground from under everything on which we based...our link with the homeland."

For Mr. Begin, nationhood, sovereignty, the very existence of a nation are not a matter of mere empirical fact. They are the reflection of ideas, of the "supremacy of moral forces," of historical rights, of sacred faith, of legal claim and, above all, of the proof of fire and steel. A nation exists insofar as it is willing and able to fight for its existence. "We fight, therefore we are."

THAT LESSON is the result of the forces which shaped Begin's worldview, and, in particular, his conception of Zionism.

Mr. Begin's outlook is that of the

Polish Jew whom anti-Semitism, powerful enough to hurt and too weak to crush his pride, goaded into Zionism. It is that of the generation which saw the lofty ideals of a Woodrow Wilson and a Tomas Masaryk go up in the flames of World War II. The collapse of that world left him with a Treblinka complex. The world is against us, at best indifferent. Our very existence is constantly in danger.

Many Israelis share this catastrophic conception of Zionism. In *The Revolt* he says: "Just as the world does not pity the thousands of cattle led to the slaughter-pens in the Chicago abattoirs, equally it did not pity...the tens of thousands of human beings taken like sheep in Treblinka. The world does not pity the slaughtered. It only respects those who fight."

Nothing has changed in that attitude, which also explains how he views the Palestinians. They — indeed the Arabs in general and the PLO in particular — are out to destroy Israel. They are Hitler in a new guise. The PLO's Covenant is a new Mein Kampf. Nothing they say or do can persuade Begin that they want peace. And nothing that we can offer them will do away with that eternal enmity. The only answer to anyone out to exterminate the Jewish people is resistance. Only those who fight can expect to establish and maintain their rights.

And the right of the Jewish people to Eretz Yisrael is not only an absolute moral and historical right, it is also grounded in international law

— and it is exclusive. Today, it also includes the right of possession which, to this Jew, is nine-tenths of the law.

ON TOP OF all this, Mr. Begin, the leader of the Irgun, cannot but hold the PLO in utter contempt. The record of the revolt he led — a record ignored by contemporary history — is one of directing armed action at the centres of the foreign oppressor's power. And in his mind's eye there are hundreds of comrades; fighters who risked their lives in battle but, when captured and put on trial, scornfully defied their judges and went to the gallows singing the national anthem.

For him, an organization such as the PLO, which has never once dared to attack a military objective, which assassinates women and children, whose captives "sing" willingly and plead innocence or for mercy in the courts, is no representative of a nation. The Palestinian population deserves to be treated humanely. National rights it has none.

What many people do not realize is that Mr. Begin is still fighting the battle of 1948-49, and that for him there is no other. Details may have changed. Essentials have remained. What they do not recognize is that Mr. Begin will not waver and will not go back on his word, for this steadfastness is the mainspring of his leadership — which, like that of many rebels, has always been compelling to his followers but, unlike that of a statesman, does not convince those who deny his basic assumptions and his perception of reality.

Those who put the renaissance of the Jewish people before the "liberation" of the land, those who recognize the rights of others even if they are not able to fight for them as we did, those who see the distinction between a revolt against direct foreign rule and the limits of resistance to indirect outside pressures and constraints, would be naive to hope that Mr. Begin will turn out to be a run-of-the-mill politician. The author is The Post's economic editor.

Equality and knee-jerk reactions

The Government's pledge of equal services for the inhabitants of the administered territories, says ALLEN E. (AVRAHAM) SHAPIRO, is a perfectly legitimate means of advancing Israel's national aims without contravening any international obligations.

THE GOVERNMENT'S decision on equalization of services for the West Bank and Gaza Strip has provoked controversy. That was to be expected. The unexpected was that the controversy should be in Jerusalem and not in Washington.

Various explanations have been offered for the American silence. The simplest is the least convincing. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for any American statesman to oppose equality as a matter of principle.

Our euphemistic sometimes leads us to second thoughts before first. Before looking for the concealed intentions (assuming that they exist), it might be best to accept the action of the Government on its own terms. Surely the simple declaration of equality of services for Arabs and Jews as an objective of national policy cannot be objectionable on its face.

Indeed, the haste with which some Labour spokesmen have condemned the Begin announcement recalls an odd paradox of political development in the pre-State Yishuv.

Contrary to what one might anticipate, it was the Right which historically called for equality of Jews and Arabs, while the Left gave priority to the creation of a national Jewish sector, isolated from economic pressures by a protective wall of inequality between the two national communities.

This was the background to the controversy between Moshe Smilansky and David Ben-Gurion in the 1920's, which led to a famous libel suit over charges of unfair Histadrut pressure on Jewish employers to give preferential treatment to Jewish workers.

EVEN IF the recent declaration should prove to be without significant operative consequences, the affirmation of equality as a policy objective is likely to strike a responsive chord abroad. It would be shameful if it should be rejected at home.

Moreover, this is as good a time as any to challenge the assumption, reported by The Jerusalem Post Washington Correspondent Wolf Blitzer, that Israel has a positive legal obligation under international law to preserve Jordanian civilian jurisdiction and regulations in the occupied areas.

Such an obligation would exist under the Geneva Convention if, and only if — Jordan were recognized as the sovereign ruler in those areas. But surely no such claim can be made with regard to the Gaza Strip, which Egypt, and not Jordan, occupied militarily but never annexed. No such claim should be recognized with regard to the West Bank, the annexation of which by Jordan was

generally unrecognized by the international community, including the United States.

In tacitly acknowledging the Jordanian claim to sovereignty over the West Bank we have denied ourselves the possibility of exploiting inter-Arab rivalries. Even if our aim is a "Jordanian solution," which was the announced policy of the Labour coalition, our bargaining position was certainly not strengthened by granting to King Hussein a legitimacy which he does not deserve and should be required to earn. In effect, we made him a gift of the status, so consequential in American eyes, of being the injured party.

IN ADDITION, the assumption that any change in the status quo in the occupied areas would constitute a violation of international law has often kept us from doing things we should have done.

Not uniformly though. Last year's municipal elections in Judea and Samaria, for example, were held under the Jordanian law — as amended by the administering Israeli authorities. In consequence, large numbers of adult Arab citizens, including women, who had been denied the suffrage by the Hashemite government, were for the first time able to cast their ballots freely for the councillors of their choice.

There was no outcry from any Arab quarter against that Israeli move. None argued that a contravention of international law was involved. Yet by taking that action, which did not even cause us any budgetary problem, we were able to give expression to our own attachment to democratic principles.

By the same token, no principle of international law prevents us from improving the services given the inhabitants of the areas. The obligation prescribed by the Geneva Convention is the furnishing by the occupying power of adequate services. Adequacy should be judged by our own standards.

A free hand in the West Bank and Gaza is not synonymous with Israeli annexation. We have a paramount interest in the area, which we should not hide. One who rejects annexation as contrary to Israel's interests, as does this writer, need not reject the exploitation of our physical presence for the furtherance of our legitimate national aims.

An Israeli West Bank may not be part of a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But the West Bank must be part of any solution. Let the West Bank be Arab; the solution still must be Israeli. Equality is a good place to start.

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POSTSCRIPTS

OUR TWO YOUNG DAUGHTERS were returning from a visit to the U.S. by themselves via El Al — "unaccompanied," in airline parlance. Such a situation naturally breeds some anxiety in the parents, and this time around the girls' original flight was cancelled at the last minute and their replacement flight was delayed by several hours. And when the children finally arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport, they were indeed "unaccompanied" — unaccompanied by any baggage, that is. Still, we parents were happy enough just to get the girls back. We filled out a claim form for the suitcases and headed back for Jerusalem. One must be philosophical about such things, we thought; either the bags will turn up or they won't; the important thing is the kids didn't end up in a customs warehouse in Bolivia. But the kids themselves were less philosophical; they had selected gifts for their parents and they wanted those suitcases back, and fast.

And that's just what happened. Before the night was out, a rather bedraggled taxi driver came to our door with the suitcases. They had arrived on a later flight, and El Al had dispatched them immediately, with instructions that the taxi driver should wander the warrens of the Jewish Quarter until he found our door. We don't know if this is standard procedure for El Al, but assume it is, and extend a kot hakevod from a happy, reunited family.

DEVOTEES OF *Waterlily Down*, warm gloves and haseppetter will be happy to know that the British bunny is making a comeback. According to an Associated Press dispatch, an outbreak of myxomatosis

in 1958 levelled England's rabbit population from an estimated 100 million to around a mere 300,000. Today, however, the long-eared leapers are reportedly numbering around 10 million, and are a daily spectacle, especially for travellers in southeast England.

Farmers are already complaining that the bunnies are stripping their fields, and should once again be considered pests. Instead of an endangered species. Still, it's good to hear when a small and essentially defenceless sort uses whatever skills it has to overcome the odds and survive.

NO-COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT. According to the Associated Press, the Nicaraguan government recently recommended that the U.S. suspend international report alleging human rights violations in Nicaragua by calling the report "a hatch of non-existent lies."

PART-TIME Jewish schools in the U.S. are flourishing with poorly paid teachers; bored pupils and low enrollments. But the "American Jewish Community," in a recent bulletin, reports one notable exception is the Judaica High School programme in Miami, Florida. The city's local board of Jewish education recently lauded the courses, taught by teachers from public or Jewish schools, youth leaders and social workers. The attraction is that they are flexibly scheduled, free of rote and varied in subject matter — from classical Hebrew to kosher cooking. If the "high school" succeeds, it may be copied in Jewish communities around the country.

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